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### THE COVER

Those of you who are attending college where it's warm and sunny, look well to the sparkle of a February snow!

The Thetas at Missouri University believe they have found one of the perfect ingredients for congeniality in their casual gatherings around the fireplace. Here, we see Sandra Meyer and Janet Spaid gathering logs for the fire. They will soon join the rest of the chapter to roast marshmallows and sing songs while the snow falls softly outside.



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## *Letter from Letty*

As I am writing this message to you it's Christmastime and every day brings scores of greetings from Theta chapters scattered throughout the length and breadth of this continent. That our great adventure in friendship is being nurtured and stimulated by the many talents, enthusiastic spirit and energetic response to the demands of the time of the young members of the college classes of today, is even more deeply appreciated. We salute you in the name of Kappa Alpha Theta!

During the next few weeks the college chapters will be electing new officers. Chapter success and happiness largely depend on choosing wisely leaders who have the ability, interest and devotion to the fraternity to make the chapter a harmonious, constructive force on the campus. These new officers need the tools of office at once but even more they need the helpful guidance of the retiring officers and the loyal cooperation of every member so that by mutual understanding, agreement in sentiment and action, and a singleness of purpose it may be possible to work together successfully.

By the time this message reaches you your District Presidents will have completed plans for the District Conventions. Once again the college and alumnae delegates, as well as the many interested unofficial visitors both collegiate and alumnae, will have an opportunity to meet together for fun, friendship and fraternity education. District officers will be elected. For the first time alumnae delegates will be privileged to elect their Alumnae District Presidents and the alumnae clubs will share in that privilege.

Theta calls you! Won't you answer that call by attending District Convention? That means YOU and YOU and YOU. Today more than ever we need UNITY for "In union there is strength." The theme for this year's District Conventions will be:

"Thinking together is unity, working together is success." Will you be there?

Loyally in Theta,

*Letty Henderson Munz*

Grand President



# First Editor

Once upon a time, a long time ago, when thirty-two members of Kappa Alpha Theta (representing twelve active chapters) met in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the home of Miss Carrie Bell . . . a decision was reached. And they had the authority to make an important decision, for they were the Grand Convention of 1885.

Their decision was to establish a magazine, placing its editorship in the hands of Kappa chapter, which had presented a businesslike and detailed plan for a fraternity magazine. The first editor of the Kappa Alpha Theta magazine (then called the Journal) was Agnes Emery, now ninety-five years old, living in Lawrence, Kansas.

Agnes was born in 1861 on either October 24th or 25th. It was so close to midnight, she doesn't remember whether it was just before or just after. She was enrolled as a freshman at Kansas University in 1879 but was severely ill the second semester of her freshman year and wasn't graduated until 1884, after which she attended Bryn Mawr for one year and attended the University of Chicago three different times with her major as languages.

Her father was James Stanley Emery, a lawyer who was influential in bringing the university to Lawrence. Agnes was the eldest of three children and although higher education was not yet exactly common for women, her father had always spoken of her attending college as if nothing else were to be considered.

College fashions in 1879 were hightopped shoes which extended clear to the knee to meet one's "drawers." Skirts were about mid-calf length. There was a horse-drawn bus which picked up the students on the campus after classes to take them home. It was eight double blocks to Miss Emery's house at that time. Although she preferred to walk, the boys would often run after the bus, shouting for it to stop and wait for her.

Since early records were scantily kept, Agnes does not remember just what year she was pledged and initiated into Kappa chapter, but



Agnes Emery, the first editor of the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal, established at the convention of 1885.

it was between 1881 when the chapter was founded and 1884, when she was graduated. There were twenty-four students in her graduating class out of one thousand enrolled in the university.

Fraternities at Kansas University when Agnes was initiated included only Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi. She said the boys were undecided about accepting a women's fraternity at first, but became accustomed to the idea shortly and were always nice to them.

Her father built a new home for his family in 1883, where Miss Emery still lives. The Thetas were delighted and referred to it as the "Theta House," although at that time the girls met in each other's homes for their business meetings and plans. Agnes was out of town when the Thetas decided to have a big Theta party in her family's new home. When she returned about noon of the party day, everything was all arranged, including escorts for the girls. At the last minute, one Theta was able to come for whom they had not planned, and had no escort so Miss Emery handed over her own. She commented, "I didn't need an escort in those days any more than I have since."

The second and third stories of the Emery home were gutted by fire in 1950 (probably from faulty wiring). Miss Emery had been ill and was talking on the telephone when neighbors began pounding on the doors, because the



• **Barbara Jane Harrison Allen**

*Kappa Chapter*

fire was shooting out of the roof by then. The neighbors carried her out. Nothing was saved from the upper stories and the first floor was badly damaged from water and smoke. The house was rebuilt as a one story dwelling. Not in the least discouraged by this catastrophe she was, on the contrary, in better spirits than many of her friends.

In early July of 1953, Agnes Emery fell and broke her hip. Her doctor held little hope for her recovery because of her age. Miss Emery said that she would get well, and she did. She is almost totally blind, although she can distinguish light and dark, and thoroughly enjoys having friends stop by to visit with her. She is fragile in body but not in mind, with an excellent appetite. Frances Carter, a niece, lives with her and has taken care of her for seventeen years.

Initiation fees were \$5.00 back in the olden days and Agnes herself decided she would pledge Theta when she found that the girls whom she knew and liked best were members. She told them that she would pledge, but would "have no nonsense about it," so they pledged her the next afternoon.

Concerning the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal, she commented, "I don't know what I liked

best about writing on the Journal. I just enjoyed the whole thing." She said that the writing duties were divided up among the staff (members of Kappa chapter), but that she wrote whatever was needed to complete the Journal before publication because the other girls sometimes forgot their assignments or didn't have time to do them. It would be interesting for her to observe the process now, and the difference between preparing issues for the members of twelve chapters as compared to the present subscription list of 33,000. Cost differences, too, would make a fascinating discussion.

At Christmas time in 1954, Agnes published a booklet entitled "Reminiscences of Early Lawrence." She was unable to attend Kappa chapter's 75th Anniversary, held in Lawrence in October of 1956 since she has not fully recovered from her broken hip and was inhibited by her near-blindness. However, she gave her Theta pin (one of the early large ones) to Kappa chapter with the request that it be awarded in whatever way the chapter wished. It was presented at the Reunion Banquet by Elizabeth Walker (Kappa).

Thus does time pass with seventy-one years of magazine publication and the changes it has reflected in fraternity life through the years.

## *Be thinking about it . . . .*

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

District I—April 12-14, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

District II—June 24-26, Psi Chapter House, Madison, Wis.

District III—May 4-6, Eta Chapter House, Ann Arbor, Mich.

District IV—June 14-16, Northfield House and Chateau, E. Northfield, Mass.

Districts V, XII, XVII—June 9-12, Beta Sigma Chapter House, Dallas, Tex.

District VI—June 14-16, Hershey Inn, Hershey, Pa.

Districts VII & IX—June 18-21, Highlands Inn, Carmel, Calif.

Districts VIII & XIII—June 13-15, Des Moines, Ia.

District X—June 21-23, Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

District XI—June 11-13, Nashville, Tenn.

Districts XIV & XV—June 16-19, Alpha Lambda House, Seattle, Wash.

District XVI—April 12-14, Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, N.C.

Some of these dates and places may be changed, but you will be notified by the magazine or the Bulletin.



# The beholder

• Paula Jean Myers  
*Omicron Chapter*



Olympic contender, Paula Jean Myers of Omicron chapter, who placed third in the U.S. team's diving events in Australia.

The whole United States Olympic team left Los Angeles on Pan American Airlines from November 5th through the 10th. There were about 525 people, including officials. We had a two day layover in Hawaii for a rest period, as we had 5200 miles yet to go. In all, it is a 7800 mile trip to Australia from here.

On arriving in Melbourne in the morning, we were taken to Olympic Village where we were to stay while taking part in the Games. There were 4500 athletes living in the village, with the women all living in one section. Ten different dining rooms were used to serve the athletes, teaming together the countries whose menus were similar. We had all the steak and vegetables we could eat, and could never have been treated any better than we were by the Australians.

The teams mingled together and were all very friendly. The Russians, too, were friendly, trying to learn everything they could from the Americans—such as how we eat, train and live. There was a recreation hall where all the teams gathered at night and a movie or some other entertainment was given. The Russians took many movies of the Americans and participated in everything.

One *never* saw a Russian alone, for they

always had to go places in groups. On the other hand, the Hungarians were rarely at the various entertainments. The Russians and Hungarians did not outwardly show any dissension between them, the only incident being a fist fight between a Hungarian and a Russian, started during a waterpolo game between the two countries. The incident was minor but was blown up considerably by publicity at the time. Actually, it could have happened in any waterpolo game (which is a very rough sport).

On opening day, all of the teams, in full dress uniform, left the village in a parade of 189 buses to the main stadium. The USA looked very smart in their navy slacks or skirts, light blue blouses, white blazers, and white berets—with the women in red heels, carrying red handbags and white gloves.

It is hard to put one's feelings into words as the crowd of 110,000 spectators gave a huge ovation for us as we marched into the stadium. It makes you feel so proud of your country, and literally gives you "goose bumps" all over. I am sure the rest of our team shared this same feeling.

John Landy accepted the Olympic Oath and the Duke gave a welcome, while Avery Brundage officially opened the Olympic Games.



While all of this was taking place, we were mingling with the Russian team on the field. They stood right next to us and gave some of us a token, an article of their uniforms. One Russian diver gave me a red handkerchief with a gold sickle and star on it as a token of friendship.

When the Torch was brought in, which was the most exciting part of the ceremonies, the enormous crowd went wild with cheering and the Games were officially underway. Hundreds of doves, the symbol of peace, were released

over the stadium before the teams then marched out—and the American team was treated to a big Thanksgiving Day dinner at the village.

The Games lasted two weeks and it was really something to see the world's greatest athletes performing. I felt very lucky in being able to take part, placing third in diving for my country.

Touring Australia following the Games, I returned by ship—arriving home after New Year's with the thrilling experience of participation in the Olympic Games of 1956.

## silhouette

### Jane Earley



Vivacious, outstanding, charming—all of these describe Jane DeSerisy Earley. She is characterized by her tendency to serve in positions never before held by a woman. This tendency commenced in her undergraduate days at the University of Cincinnati when she was appointed Varsity Sports Editor of the student newspaper. With this position went the privilege of covering the football games from the press box; no coed had every qualified for this place of prominence before.

Jane was also active in many other organizations during her undergraduate days. She was president of the Y.W.C.A. and a member of Mortar Board.

That she further employed her outstanding leadership abilities after graduation is evidenced by her position of president of the University of Cincinnati Woman's Alumnae Association in 1932-33. She was a board mem-

ber of the local Girl Scouts for fifteen years, active on the Y.W.C.A. Board, and vice-president of the Adult Education Council. Many of her activities are closely aligned with the University of Cincinnati. In 1933-34 she served as vice-president of the Executive Council of the general Alumni Association and was a member of the Alumni Committee of One Hundred.

Her appointment to the Board of Directors of the University of Cincinnati in 1941 was indicative of her remarkable service since she was the first and only woman member of the board and also the youngest member. At the same time, she was elected a Trustee of the Cincinnati College, thereby becoming the first woman Trustee since that college was established in 1819. She is currently serving her fifteenth year as a Trustee and Board member.

In 1943 the League of Women Voters elected Jane their president. She has been an officer at all three levels of this organization—local, state, and national and is currently second vice-president. She's a charter member of the University of Cincinnati Fund Drive, a drive which is extremely important to the university's progress, and is now serving as chairman of the University of Cincinnati Fund Controlling Committee.

Even with her busy schedule of activities, she still finds time to spend with her family. She and her husband, Dr. Daniel Earley, a leading surgeon and former president of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, have two sons who are attending Walnut Hills high school. Her favorite hobby of collecting Old Cincinnati Prints is evidenced throughout her lovely home.

#### • Cathleen Goebel

*Alpha Tau Chapter*



# Three new Theta homes . . .



## *Lambda*

Above: Exterior of the new Lambda chapter house at the University of Vermont.

Below: The living room, showing adequate space for the trophy case.



Lambda chapter is very proud of their house which has been enlarged with the addition of a new wing and complete renovation of the first floor. Many repairs have also been made on the second and third floors.

The renovations include an enlarged living room, 25 by 35 feet, complete in the modern look with large sectional windows. The color scheme for the living room, green, is carried into the dining room giving an aura of warmth and comfort.

The new kitchen is complete with electrical

dishwasher, large refrigerator and freezer. Soft tones of red, yellow and aqua were used to decorate the kitchen's interior.

The housemother's rooms, now located on the first floor, consist of sitting room, bedroom, and bath. A new room, the Town Girl's room, has been made from part of the former living room.

We proudly displayed our almost new home to our campus friends at an open house on Sunday, September 30th.

• Julie Brown





This spacious home, once known as the old Dearing residence, is now the home of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Georgia.

## Gamma Delta

Known to all Gamma Delta Thetas as "our house" but to all of the Athens, Georgia, community as the old Dearing home, this traditionally southern residence for Kappa Alpha Thetas at the University of Georgia is the home we love.

Thirty of the eighty-two members on the chapter roll live in the house. Our housemother, Mrs. R. C. Norman, affectionately called "Lulie" manages this home and all of us very well. Six girls occupy each of the five large bedrooms. They rush to classes, meetings and all campus social events, keeping up an activity calendar much unlike the first residents at 338 South Milledge.

Next January the 101st birthday of this home, built by A. P. Dearing in 1856, will be observed. Kappa Alpha Theta bought the house in 1938. Interestingly enough, though the family home was in the possession of new owners, Susan Dearing found Theta and our Georgia chapter house very much to her liking when she entered as a freshman in 1953. She is now affiliated with our Miami, Ohio chapter, Gamma Upsilon.

Back from the street and built on a semi-

hill, this traditionally southern edifice exemplifies the architecture of the geographical location. Ten doric columns extend from the front of the red brick house around both sides. The ante-bellum mansion is considered one of the most perfect examples of Grecian design in America.

Four Venetian glass panes of the twenty clear squares around the massive front door are the original colored panes put into the panels when the house was built. The giant front door as well as the equally large library, living and dining room doors are made of fruit wood. All woodwork and trim in each room is done of maple from the mountains of North and South Carolina.

Plans for additional rooms to be added on the house are now complete. Construction work will begin in spring. The new rooms will provide sleeping space for twenty more girls and a recreation and chapter room.

We thought about building a new structure but we could never leave our present home. Her heritage is an inspiration. 101 years old and loved by all of us!

• Sue Crawford



## Omicron

• Betsy Steinkamp

653 West 28th Street. Yes, that is an address which has meant our ideal of fraternity life to several generations of Omicron Thetas.

But the marvelous structure now bearing these beloved numbers is one which we of Omicron still find hard to believe can be our very own.

Our former house, though comfortable and gracious through the continuous and watchful efforts of our alumnæ, was hardly what a fraternity house in the year 1956 should be.

And each year, for many years, determined efforts have been made in the direction of building our "new house."

Finally, 1956 has brought us the opportunity of seeing our chapter with a magnificent realization of our dream. May we give generous

thanks to the Corporation Board, Mary Lou Bouelle McCoy, Dorothy McCune Krueger, Darlene Hubbard Oliver, Beverly Byram Potter, Marjorie Chambers Sagar, and Barbara Young Twomey, and especially to Janet Smith Rushton, President of the Board, and to the Building Committee headed by Clyde Salmon Locke and assisted by Virginia Dunsmoor Armistead, for finally realizing our ambitions of many years.

Perhaps, after seeing how excited we are about our house, you would like to hear a few specifics about it.

The Albert C. Martin Company, Architects, designed our house and aptly translated our ideas into functional plans. The exterior of the house is of contemporary design. Stucco and



The architecture is modern in Omicron chapter's new house on the Southern California campus at Los Angeles.





Beige, coral and blue-green are the colors used with Scandanavian modern in Omicron chapter's stone and mahogany living room.

contrasting Palos Verdes stone provide a functional and beautifully textured appearance. The two upper stories form a covered entrance and patio area which is enhanced in attractiveness by planting areas and black iron grille work.

The first floor of the house is composed of an entry hall, a trophy room, living-room, dining-room, and kitchen. These first four areas provide the conversational groupings needed for the varied activities which take place each day and also provide a gracious setting for our more formal entertaining.

In the living-room the lovely texture of Palos Verdes stone carries into the house in the fireplace wall. Another wall of this room is a contrast in mahogany, while the outside wall is composed of sliding glass doors which extend the full length of the house. Of course, the fireplace with its raised hearth and charcoal gray hood is going to be enjoyed immensely this fall and winter, for even in California we love the cheer of a roaring fire.

Planting areas partially divide the living-room and trophy room and enhance the feeling of spaciousness.

Our dining-room seats eighty-four and is separated from the living-room by sliding shoji screen panels. The mahogany paneling carries through on one wall while the exterior wall is sliding glass doors which continue from the living-room. The tables and chairs are placed in informal groupings and are interchangeable to provide the correct placement for each occasion.

Our kitchen is modern in every sense and assists our kitchen staff in providing for so many girls in the most efficient manner.

The decorating scheme is carried out in

Scandinavian modern, and the colors in our first floor rooms are predominantly warm beige and blue-green with accents of coral. The interior decor of our house was supervised by Carroll Sagar and Associates. A tribute to our decorators' excellent achievement is the Award of Merit presented to us by the *Institutions Magazine* in its 1956 Interior Awards Program. From one hundred entries, judges chose twenty winners, and we are honored and proud to be so chosen.

The second and third floors of the house are, of course, sleeping areas. With eighteen bedrooms we can accommodate thirty-seven girls, and the bedrooms are planned for the best sleeping and study combination. Chests, desks, and ample wardrobes are built in each room. We also have a dormitory which sleeps eight girls and a suite for our housemother. Our President has an office adjacent to her own bedroom.

Our chapter room is on the third floor and also serves as the study room. The lighting is especially designed for reading, and we hope to have lots more outstanding students as a result, with no accompanying eyestrain.

Being in California, we can boast a sun-porch, which, of course, we shall use all year around—well, perhaps not quite!

The devoted help of our alumnae and our fraternity central office have made our chapter house possible. And may we thank everyone for the gifts and financial assistance which are enabling our chapter to enjoy our fraternity home.

You can't really enjoy our house without seeing it, and the actives from now on through the years will probably say you can't really enjoy it without living in it.



## Challenge

Being a Theta's not an easy thing . . .  
the sort of Theta that I'd like to be,  
unselfish, patient, always quick to bring  
the sisterly love needed; keen enough to see  
the tensions hard to guess at and help to ease them,  
the loneliness and problems . . . and share them.

Being a Theta's not an easy thing.  
I've always really wanted my own way,  
and so it's hard to keep remembering  
that what seemed good and right yesterday  
to Theta minds brings questioning and fear  
of ideals Theta holds so dear.

Being a Theta's not an easy thing—  
putting aside rebellion, eagerness;  
for though some days I long to spread my wings,  
I know that path of loveliness,  
of quietness and calm, sweet dignity,  
is better than those roads more gay to see.

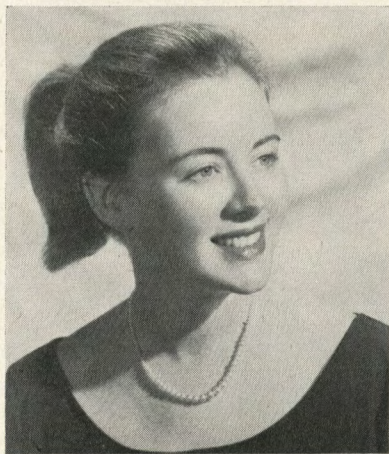
Being a Theta's not an easy thing . . .  
the sort of Theta that I'd like to be;  
to share my kite of black and gold with Theta at the string.  
Being a Theta is a task severe  
but 'twas my choice—and I'm sincere.

• Nancy Swayne

*Pledge of Gamma Nu*

## silhouette

Sylvia Chase



"What did you say about a party?", "Who announced her engagement?" This is a sample of the oft repeated questions from one of our busiest members, Sylvia Chase. "Syl" is the social editor of the campus daily newspaper *The Daily Bruin*.

Sylvia started training for her position as a freshman pledge, in the fall of 1955, and earned the editorship in the spring of 1956 as a freshman active. The main attraction on Syl's page is headed "Chasin' Around" with Sylvia Chase and contains news about campus social events. It took a few weeks to get used to questions about our social life, but we soon found out that that was part of Syl's job, and now we contribute eagerly. With her sharp eye out for the news, Sylvia seems to be heading successfully toward her career in journalism.

• Lynne Schultz

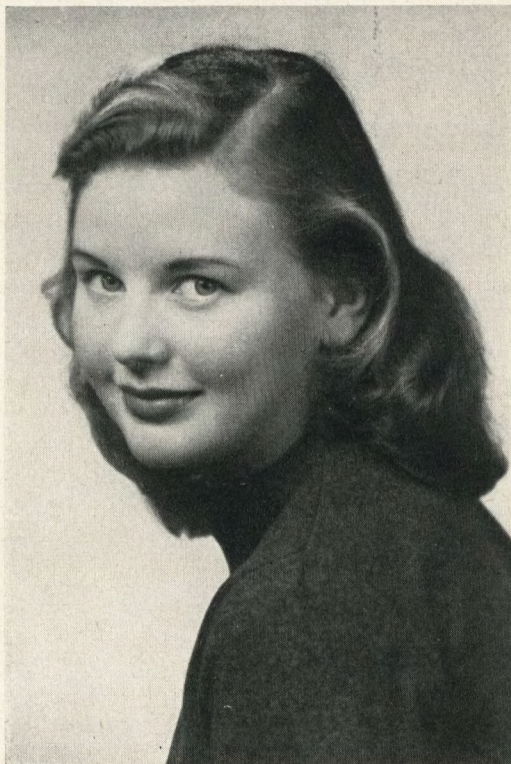
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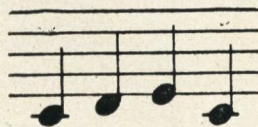
# *The pretty girls . . .*



Mary Jo Dondore was  
Homecoming Queen  
at Iowa State.



Susette Grove, Carnegie Tech, reigned as Homecoming  
Queen at Washington and Jefferson College.



Roberta Van Zandt of  
Southern Methodist, debu-  
tante at the Assembly in  
Fort Worth, Texas, and  
honored at both the  
Steeplechase and Hedonia.



*... so like a melody*



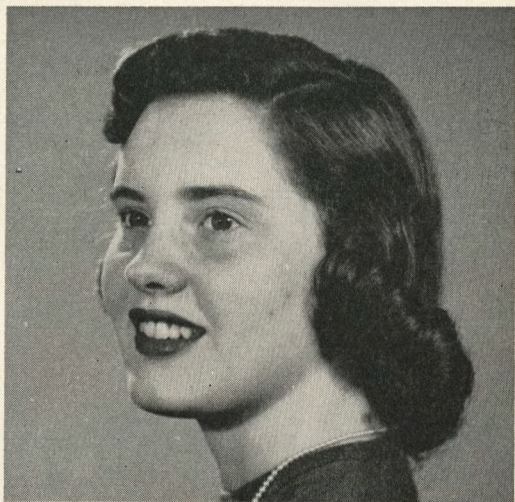
Jean Oestrich was Queen of the Little International at Washington State last year.



Marcia Koch was finalist as both Miss SUI and Interfraternity Pledge Queen at Iowa.



Marianne Knudsen of North Dakota was first runner-up in the Miss North Dakota contest, was Homecoming Queen and Princess Pat of Engineer's Day.



Nancy Stoddard reigned as Queen of the Cinderella Ball during Homecoming at Connecticut, and was also chosen Campus Cutie of the Week by the college newspaper.



Harriet Hart, Blue and White Queen and Sigma Phi Epsilon Dream Girl at Kentucky.





Jane Wiseheart (Butler) was recently judged as Drift Beauty Queen and Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. The Drift is the school yearbook which annually selects a beauty queen and her court. Jane was Butler's Most Typical Freshman Girl last year. She is the daughter of Betty Ramey Wiseheart (Butler) and sister of Anne Wiseheart Bergstrom (Miami).



"Betty Coed" at Oregon was Joan Rainville of Alpha Xi chapter.



Ingrid Swerre was crowned Ivy Day Queen at the University of Nebraska.



Sandi Baker, "Air Angel" of the AFROTC men of Butler University. This entitled Sandi to reign as Queen of the Military Ball.



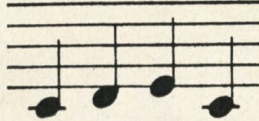


Queen of the Cotton Bowl last year was Sally Tull of Gamma Psi, Texas Christian, who appeared on the Steve Allen, Dave Garroway, Ernie Kovaks and Jack Paar television shows in New York—and numerous festivities in Dallas. Sally was also Sweetheart of T.C.U. and Ranch Week Queen.

## Queens...



Patty Keller was Junior-Senior Prom Queen at Oregon State College.

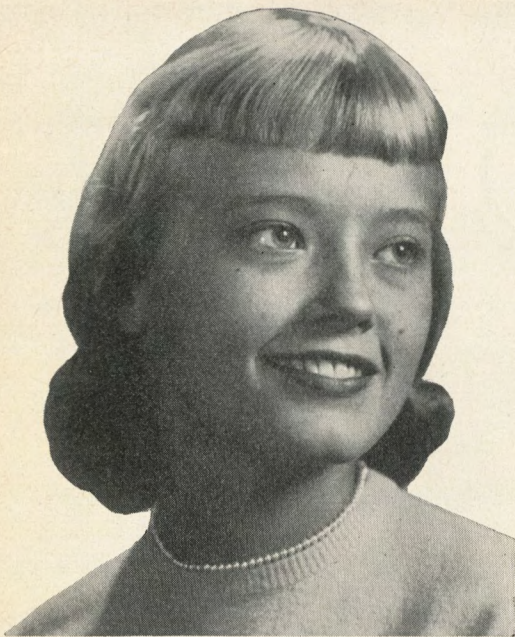


Sandra Stack, Queen of the Military Ball at Maryland. On her right is Cadet LeRoy Brown and on her left one of her attendants, Lois Lingrin.



Shirley Spiker, Miss Drake of Drake University (the third consecutive Theta to hold that title), Queen of the Military Ball and finalist in the Miss Des Moines contest.





The Freshman Interfraternity Council at DePauw chose Barb Lindley to reign as Queen of the annual Freshman Ball.



Agnes Mellon was finalist as Queen of the Winter Weekend at Syracuse.



Terry Ann Frank, attendant in Homecoming Queen's Court at North Dakota State.



These six campus beauties from Alpha Mu chapter at Missouri are (front) Linda Kassebaum, finalist for Barnwarming and Showme Queen; (second row, left) Barbara Cotton, Barnwarming Queen candidate; Pat McKee, yearbook queen finalist; Jane Immerthal, candidate for Engineer's Queen; (third row, left) Jane Dachroeden, Homecoming Queen finalist; and Judy Perkins, attendant to the Homecoming Queen.

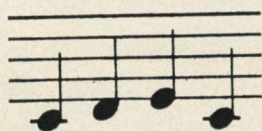


Paula Hastings, pledge of Alpha Nu chapter at Montana State University, was named "Daisy May" at the annual Sadies Hawkins dance.





Judy Robenheimer was attendant to the Queen at San Jose State.



Pat McKee, one of the finalists for 1956 yearbook queen at Missouri. A home economics major, Patty was also Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and modeled in many campus and off-campus fashion shows.



Beth Morris, attendant to the Homecoming Queen at Arizona.



Anne Johnson of McGill University reigned as Carnival Queen during the Winter Carnival.



Linda Kassebaum is a well known beauty on Missouri's campus. She was an attendant to the Homecoming Queen, Maid in the Sigma Chi Sweetheart Court and one of the six finalists in both the Barnwarming and Showme Queen Courts. Recently she was chosen by an all-campus election to be Miss August in the Miss Mizzou calendar.





Ginny Ruhberg, attendant to the Rodeo Queen at the University of Arizona.



Ann Hasse (left) and Virginia Tanven (right) were candidates for Honorary Cadet Colonel at South Dakota.

## Queens...

Ardice Sayre, pledge of Alpha Nu chapter at Montana State, was crowned Halloween Queen of Craig Hall, freshman men's dormitory. Ardice was also elected cheerleader of the MSU cheering squad this fall.

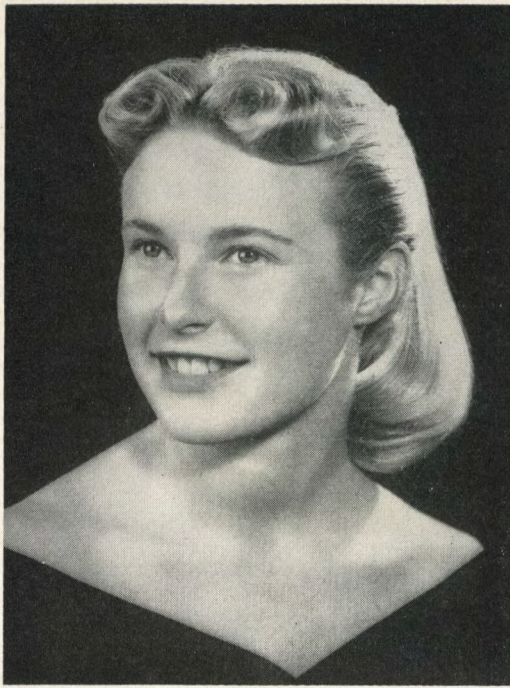


Joan Stammen (left) was Queen of the North Dakota State Little International, with Barbara Pederson (right) as one of her attendants.



Two brunette beauties of Beta Nu chapter were chosen by popular vote to be members of the Florida State University Homecoming celebration: Left foreground, Anita Wall and right foreground, Caryl James.





Barbara Dale, Homecoming Queen at San Jose State.



Bobby Lou Lester, Queen of the Colgate Weekend at Syracuse. Bobby is a transfer from Florida.



Bonnie Furney was chosen as Queen of the Greeks at the annual Greek Ball at Colorado A & M.



Bev Trudgeon was one of three finalists for Queen of the annual Interfraternity Dance at DePauw.



Betty Holmoe, former president of Alpha Rho chapter, served as Homecoming Queen at South Dakota.

Chosen from 19 finalists by television star Steve Allen, Marion Huey (Duke) was crowned 1957 Chanticleer Beauty Queen by Bruce Hyldahl, business manager of the Duke University yearbook. Marion, an auburn-haired senior from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has been a finalist in the beauty court for the past three years.



Donna Greig Bennick, Prom Queen at Washington State.





Gwen Lee, Manada Queen at Southern Methodist, and her escort.



Martha Horn, Homecoming Queen at Purdue University

Claudia Scholz, Alpha Sigma, was Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl in her sophomore year and was a finalist for Junior Prom Queen in her Junior year at Washington State. Recently elected to the Board of Control, she will serve as Senior Greek Woman in 1956-57.



Miss Pennsylvania College Queen, Joyce Koch



College Day Queen at Colorado A&M was JoAnne Hamil.

## Queens

Patsy Miller gets a kiss as Quill Queen at Southern Methodist.





# *and Sweethearts*



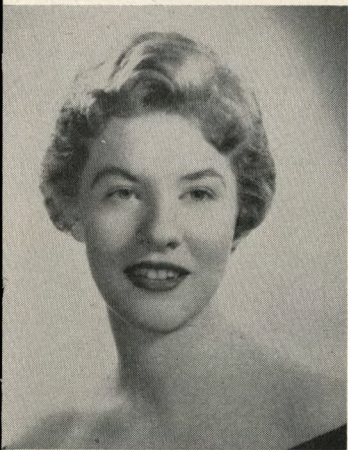
Carol Cross of Fresno State College was selected Phi Sigma Kappa Moonlight Girl.



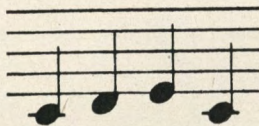
Jan Johnson of Fresno State College was selected Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and selected first attendant to the Campus Queen.



Jean Faulkner, the Rose of Kappa Alpha at Duke University.



Gloria Kohl was chosen Sweetheart of the Phi Kap fraternity at Pitt.



Christie Schoellenbach, Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at Oregon.



Caryl James was named Sweetheart of Sigma Alpha Epsilon by the members of that fraternity at Florida State.





Dee Dorgan of Alpha Chi chapter was chosen *Dream Girl* of Pi Kappa Alpha at Purdue, chosen to carry the title and represent the Midwest at the national conference of the fraternity in Mexico City last summer.



Bee Stuart, Lambda Chi Alpha Sweetheart at Tulsa, is the daughter of Julia Davis Stuart (Alpha Mu, Missouri).



Donna Sue Peachy—Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona.



Diane Carter, Naval ROTC Sweetheart at the University of Texas.



Dottie Joyal of Fresno State was selected Theta Chi Dream Girl.

Three Duke Thetas who copped beauty titles on campus are left to right: Jean Faulkner, Kappa Alpha Rose (and Miss Henderson, N.C. of 1956), Marilyn Grandt, Chanticleer yearbook beauty finalist for two years and Pi Kappa Alpha sweetheart, and Marion Huey, Chanticleer yearbook beauty queen.





# Sweethearts



Chi Phi Sweetheart at Georgia is Nini Maltby. A junior in the School of Business Administration, Nini has served as vice-president of both her sophomore and junior classes. She is a past activities chairman and social chairman of the chapter.



Marilyn Montgomery of Beta Rho chapter was crowned Sigma Chi Sweetheart at Duke University. A senior, Marilyn is an education major.



Judy Hance, Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at Penn State.

Joanne Henry, Alpha Sigma, was a double finalist in the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and "Theta Chi Dream Girl" contests at Washington State. She was also one of two sophomores vying for Sophomore Greek Representative on the Board of Control.



Mary Lou McGee, Alpha Sigma chapter was a finalist for Harvest Ball Queen in her freshman year and a finalist for Homecoming Queen her sophomore year. She is now serving as an ROTC Air Force Sponsor at Washington State.





# Retreat into reflection

• Barbara Burns

*Iota Chapter*

In surveying the events of the past year the one event that stands out from all the other numerous projects is the Theta Fall Retreat. The tone was set for the year in this day of quiet and reflection, and the inspiration it gave has lingered giving new prospective in planning projects and even in selecting new members. Thus, Iota feels she would like to share this experience with other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Much satisfaction to Thetas and much campus comment and wonder resulted from this retreat. Practically all of the active Thetas, several alums and our housemother spent a Saturday afternoon and evening at our president's home in Ithaca. The time was spent in silent periods of self-examination and discussion with sorority sisters. The Reverend Richard B. Stott, a popular religious leader on campus, guided these thoughts and discussions.



The pledges of Kappa Alpha Theta at Cornell



Every participant seemed to gain as a person and a Theta after this rare opportunity for quiet thought on personal problems and aims. The ideal which we attempted to achieve in this day of retreat was three-fold: to look into ourselves to gain better knowledge of our own faults and problems, to get to know and be more sensitive toward our friends and sorority sisters and to discover how we can better the community through the first two points of inquiry.

The Reverend Stott began the retreat by questioning the relation between expressed ideals and actions. He suggested the use of a non-legalistic form of the Ten Commandments for the basis of this inquiry. For example, "Thou shalt not kill" we may apply to verbal retaliations which we sometimes use; "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" can apply to a questioning of what our real ideals and idols are (what do we do to impress others?). The Reverend Stott emphasized that in an attempt to improve ourselves we should be im-

mediate, specific and always modest. Following the talk there was an "alone hour." We had the good luck to have a beautiful day, so that for an hour each person went off by herself indoors or out to mull over quietly many personal thoughts.

In a second talk, the Reverend Stott spoke of our need for love and acceptance. We must learn to accept and honor others as we do ourselves. Too often we love and accept things and use people. Our discussion groups treated the problem of acceptance and respect in the sorority group. Topics were varied in the small groups and subjects ranged from actual house problems to broad personal and group principles.

The Thetas returned to 118 Triphammer Road about 10 o'clock in the evening with many new thoughts and still full of points to discuss. The words of The Reverend Stott have lingered with us and we hope other chapters will have the opportunity to share similar experiences of thoughtful contemplation.

## Club to chapter

The Rockford, Illinois, Kappa Alpha Theta club officially became an *alumnæ* chapter in November. Mary Ackerman, president of District Two, came to Rockford to lead the installation ceremony and present the charter to us.

The Rockford Theta club was started in the fall of 1917 during World War I. The meetings were held on Friday afternoons in the home of Mrs. Clarence Boswell, who is still a very active Theta alumna in Rockford. They were purely social affairs and the girls took turns serving tea. At that time the local group was small, but Camp Grant was in full operation, so they had quite a few officers' wives as members. One of them was Jeanette Grasett, who later became one of our national officers.

At the present time there are about forty-five dues-paying members in the Rockford *alumnæ* chapter. We hold meetings regularly on the last Monday evening of each month. Gamma Lambda chapter at Beloit College is very dear to our hearts, because many of our members helped put the Theta chapter on the Beloit campus, and we still do much in an advisory capacity there. Twenty-three college chapters are represented in our membership, and we have women who have been out of college from one year to fifty-five years.

Our annual money-making affair is our Christmas bazaar to which we each take some home-made article. It is amazing how much money we make just among ourselves at this affair. Almost all of this money goes toward a complete scholarship to Rockford College. This scholarship is a Panhellenic project in Rockford to which we contribute very generously.

We are, indeed, very pleased to have become an *alumnæ* chapter and we hope that we can continue to do many good things in the name of Kappa Alpha Theta.

• Jane Brown Marich  
*Rockford Alumnæ Chapter*



# Looking in on the graduates . . .

## • Joan Collins Johanning

*Scholarship Committee*



Virginia Broaddus

At Richmond, Virginia; where *Virginia Broaddus* spent a busy eight months completing her training in the School of Physical Training at the Medical College of Virginia; and from there to Indianapolis for a three month period of clinical training. She also managed to fit a June wedding into this busy schedule.

Marriage and Uncle Sam, however, have altered her plans a bit, but as soon as she has a chance to take the qualifying examinations she will be able to work as a licensed physical therapist. This, of course, has been her goal.

Her most enjoyable experiences this year, she reports, were those spent in the clinics putting into practice what she learned in the class room and writes, "I am ever grateful for the assistance K.A.T. has given me in furthering my education."

On to New York where *Mary Hutchison* has been working for her M.A. in Comparative Religion.

Another 1956 bride, she has been spending a busy and rewarding year at Barnard College, Columbia University.

"She is a charming person and has contributed much personally to the course. Both her other teachers and I appreciate the quality

of her mind, and expect a distinguished future for her," writes Ursula Niebuhr, Associate Professor, Executive Officer.

As for the future, Mary expects to accompany her husband to Chile, where he holds a position at the University of Chile, and upon their return she hopes to study for her Ph.D. She may also accept an assistantship at Barnard teaching Biblical literature.

She writes that the year has been most rewarding thanks to the scholarship and everyone who made it possible for her to study at Columbia.



Mary Hutchison

Next we look in at Columbia, Missouri where *Carol Farquharson* has been studying for the role of Psychological Counselor. She is following a two-year program suggested by the psychology department at Missouri University. This, she writes, will strengthen her foundation for the Doctor's degree she hopes eventually to obtain.

David Bakan, Assistant Professor of Psychology reports that she is a capable, serious-minded student. "Your choice of a scholarship recipient was well made," he says.

Last summer Carol attended the University of Kentucky, where she was offered the position of dormitory counselor for the summer and next year. She plans to complete work on her





Carol Farquharson



Arlene Hoiland

Master's there.

"I shall always be grateful to Theta for giving me the opportunity to begin graduate work," she writes.

Finally we go to Hønefoss, Norway to look in on *Arlene Hoiland*, who has been living and learning among the Norwegians at Ringerike Folkehøgskole preparing for a career as a language teacher.

She writes that her associations have given her a great insight into the Norwegian way of life and the opportunity to better understand Norwegian literature. From the commendable reports about her it is evident that she is making the most of a wonderful experience.

"Miss Hoiland is one of our best students this year, and I am glad to say that she is a

noble ambassador for your American country and culture," writes Kåre Grytli, Instructor.

Arlene had written a thesis on "Symbolism in Tarjei Vesaas" about which Stein Fossgard, school director has written, "This is an excellent work about difficult problems in the works of our most outstanding Norwegian author of today."

Arlene had the good fortune to visit and talk with the author, which was quite a thrill for her.

Aside from her studies she spent some time working at one of Norway's largest and finest tourist hotels.

Future plans are not definite but she hopes to study at a French University.

To Virginia, Mary, Carol and Arlene—may their goal be reached, their future plans fulfilled.

## Letter to the editor

"It's a delightful experience to have Theta friends who have magic words to make my simple story glow with such brightness. To have such a writeup stimulates me to look up at the stars more often. . . .

"A friend has been bringing me the Theta magazine, but now I feel that I want it for my very own. It will be a great pleasure to read of Theta doings. It should help us to recapture the spirit of dedication we felt as young idealists singing, 'Theta, dear Theta, at thy shrine we humbly bow'."

Faithfully in Theta,  
Jean M. Born

*(Editor's note: As a tribute to Jean's fifty-six years as an active and interested Theta, her story appeared in the last issue of the magazine entitled "Thoroughly Theta," written by Lottie Canham Hansted of the Long Beach alumnae chapter. Two of her poems also appeared in the magazine.)*



# over the desktop



There surely is more philosophy written in the hush of winter than through the rest of the seasons. With the silence of deep snows and the quiet of penetrating cold, there's a potential in the atmosphere to magnify one phrase or one word into an unexpectedly comfortable conclusion. Not all fireside philosophy is cheerful—and certainly very little of it is original—but there is satisfaction in thinking through a theory that hasn't been battered and bruised by irrelevant interruptions or diversified trivia.

Like a recurrent melody half-remembered, one word comes drifting by to be grasped and richly savoured before it fades away and becomes again only a part of the dictionary—obscure, unique and difficult to define.

On one other occasion we found this word, but not until it had appeared several times (as new things will) to draw attention and send us searching for its source. We located it, completely novel and delightful to reflect upon—only to find that here and there others had made the same discovery with the same delight. Not many, but some.

The word is *serendipity*, not to be found in the smaller dictionaries. One must peruse the weighty volume on the brass stand at the public library to unearth a word lying between serenata and serene. It seems, somehow, a private sort of word—and each person who finds it feels its brightness as his own, with a secret sort of joy in its existence. *Serendipity* was coined by Horace Walpole in a private letter to Sir Horace Mann dated January 28, 1754. It refers to the finding of treasure while looking for something else. It can never refer to the finding of something purposely sought.

Serendib or Serendip, an ancient name for Ceylon, is the setting of a remote fairy tale entitled "The Three Princes of Serendip." These princes in their travels were always finding by chance or sagacity things they did not seek. From this tale Walpole condensed his new word into a tiny package of exquisite meaning. Later, a small bookstore in London, owned by Everard Meynell, was called the Serendipity Bookshop with obvious perception, for who browses in a bookstore and leaves without a precious find he has discovered while looking for something else?

Within a few weeks after making the pleasant investigation of this word, so recent to our vocabulary, Winnifred King Rugg of the *Christian Science Monitor* delved into it, too, in a column entitled "That Charming Word." She said: "Of course I understand that serendipity is not really *my* word. . . . A word that implies the quality of unexpected discovery is obviously not a word to be miserly about or to try to keep as a shining trinket of one's own, even if one could."

Two parts seem apparent—*seren*, which gives quiet and harmony to the meaning and *dipity*, which bounces, and could imply only gaiety. Together, they result in a sound not common to the language—but somehow carrying a wealth of anticipation and pleasure in its five syllables.

Think about it—remember it—treasure it. It's yours. The world is full of disappointment and disillusionment that seem to dissolve with the knowledge that in most things there is hidden value, not sought or expected, to make richer the experience . . . and more valuable the result. And it's nice to know there's a word for it.

May we present a valuable asset to living—serendipity!

*The Editor*



# Goal in view

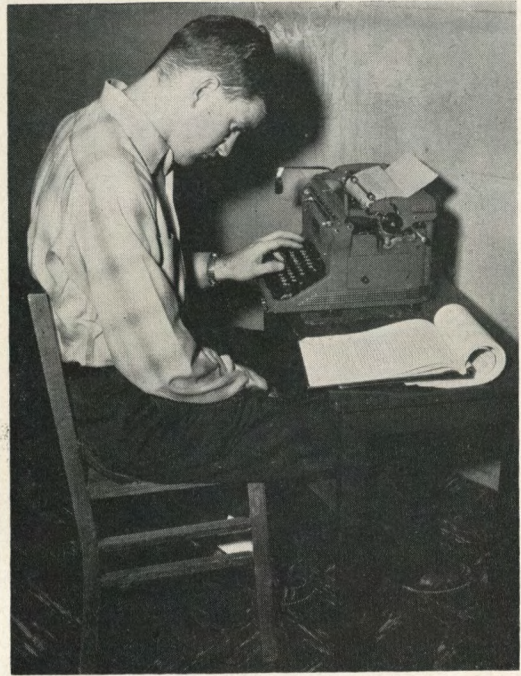
- **Ethel Umphrey**

*Institute of Logopedics*

The Occupational Therapy Department of the Institute of Logopedics was organized in 1946 and is a very important part of the work done with brain-injured children. The Institute personnel are very happy that Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity members have chosen the support of this department as their next project.

Children and adults with cerebral palsy constitute about one-fourth of the total enrollment in Wichita. The department is under the direction of an orthopedic surgeon, H. O. Marsh, M.D., and is staffed by three registered occupational therapists, Adaline Plank, Supervisor, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Alice Siria, from Chicago, Illinois, and Patricia Thiesen, from Topeka, Kansas. John Bewley is an instructor in woodshop crafts, and Kay McKinnon, cerebral palsied since birth, is a part-time teacher of arts and crafts. Before a college student receives her degree in occupational therapy she must have nine to twelve months of actual clinical experience. To obtain this experience, students work at a hospital or cerebral palsy center for periods of three or four months. The Institute has been the training ground for many such students from schools throughout the country.

Occupational therapy is given to persons in training at the Institute upon the recommendation of the Director for Cerebral Palsy, and at the present time there are 69 individuals with cerebral palsy on the schedule. In addition to these, there are 18 others who have aphasia, another type of brain injury, who receive training because they lack hand coordination. Individual lessons of 30 minutes each are given on the average of three times weekly. With the newly pledged support of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Institute plans to expand the facilities to ac-



Using only one hand, this young man is learning to type—a skill he will use all his life.



Minor crafts such as hand weaving promote further manual dexterity





In the woodworking shop a boy is taught how to use some of the tools.

commodate the many more who need this specialized service.

In Occupational Therapy (generally referred to as OT) the aims are four-fold, with the all-over aim being preparation for social and economic independence of each individual. Since the Institute is primarily a speech clinic, the first of the four is speech carry-over. The therapists utilize the speech being taught the case and incorporate it in a new and interesting program to accomplish the following things: lengthen the attention span, teach the ability to follow instructions, establish the drive to initiate activities, encourage lip reading in the deaf and hard of hearing, teach eye-hand coordination and self helps. Therefore it becomes important to work closely with the speech instructor, classroom teacher, and preceptor of each case. Such information as to how much speech to expect, when to require responses, and what approaches, cues, etc. would best assist them is received from the above mentioned team. The therapist then reports what progress is being made and what activities and circumstances stimulate speech.

The second aim is the promotion of manual dexterity, or the teaching of hand skills and self-helps such as feeding and dressing. This training presents problems peculiar to each child depending upon the degree and type of involvement. Individual modifications and adaptations of equipment are required for

teaching and training purposes in almost every case. A seemingly simple task such as feeding or dressing confronts the severely cerebral palsied individual with countless obstacles. Such procedures as removing and putting on clothing, opening and closing zippers, snaps and buttons; lacing and tying a shoe; directing a spoon from a dish to the mouth; drinking from a glass or cup; pouring liquids and cutting meat—all represent the conquering of multiple neuro-muscular handicaps to the cerebral palsied.

The occupational therapist plans a program to assist the child in learning how to do these activities most effectively. She must generate the spark to motivate, and the drive to carry out daily practice. Realistic situations must be presented which will allow him to carry out these skills that he has learned. The third aim is vocational exploration of each person to discover possible avenues of livelihood and future economic independence. The OT department is a "testing" field for some of the older cases to find where their abilities and interests lie so that they may be assisted in job placement. The fourth objective is one of socialization. OT furnishes an opportunity for social contacts and aids in developing group responsibility and cooperation. It provides exercise in social adaptation and the stimulating influence of example and comment from fellow workers. This is developed in various ways, encouraging the exchange of greetings, providing for group play in the standing table and sand pile, discussing with other cases ideas on projects or activities and, in the cases of adults, scheduling small groups regularly for playing cards, checkers, dominoes, etc. The age range of persons who have received OT at the Institute is from 3 years to a 70 year old man who was the victim of a stroke.

Throughout the period of OT, a program of parental education and cooperation is carried on so that the child will be encouraged to carry over into the home the skills learned in the department. Home programs are recommended for the cerebral palsied children and the house-mothers and parents are expected to carry out the instructions, which usually concern the practicing of self-helps.

The training given in occupational therapy can be divided into five grades: 1. the use of play toys which teach basic hand movements



such as reaching and grasping, 2. after learning how to use the hands comes the teaching of self care such as lacing one's own shoes, self feeding and dressing, and personal grooming, 3. children are now ready for school work aids. They learn how to use crayons, pencils, scissors, paste and are taught paper folding, colors and shape discrimination. At this step, some are shown how to use a typewriter, 4. the children are now ready for minor crafts such as simple leather work, finger weaving, basketry, beadwork, sewing, knitting, stenciling, finger painting, etc., 5. those who master simple crafts then enter a program of pre-vocational exploration with the teaching of domestic skills such as washing, ironing, sewing, mending, knitting, typing, and regular loom weaving available for the girls, and leather work, pottery, elementary woodworking, gardening and simple printing for the boys. One adult hemiplegic man, using a simple hand press, found great pride of accomplishment in printing his name and address on stationery.

At all times, in working with the child in OT the therapist strives to instill a healthy social attitude towards others which is so necessary if the cerebral palsied individual, who has usually led a sheltered and egocentric life, is to face the world as an independent, functioning social unit.



Is lacing a shoe simple? Not with her handicaps, but the look of concentration on her face means she will succeed!

Team work, hard work, and coordinated effort are the keystones to success in this work. There are no touchstones. The effort brings together as a unit the child, parent, Director for Cerebral Palsy, the therapist, teachers, and in some cases, housemothers—and now Kappa Alpha Theta members, all striving for the common goal of maximum development for the severely handicapped child. Together we shall achieve that goal.



## Reinstatement

Do you remember the picture printed of the Georgia chapter, standing happily around the Kappa Sigma trophy as "Sorority of the Year?" (It was printed on page 78 of the Midwinter Issue 1956.) As a matter of fact, by the time the picture was sent in, the chapter had already lost the trophy to another sorority in 1955.

Here, to prove they have won back their standing on campus are five Gamma Delta members of the 1956 "Sorority of the Year." Left to right: Emily Noel, Lynn Garrett, Joey Sawatzke, Sue Crawford (in back) and Janet Emmons.



# Theta eyes smile, too

## • Mary Jane Turner

*Gamma Phi Chapter*

Theta eyes smile whenever they are busy helping someone else. The Gamma Phis for the past year, as a chapter project, have been reading to Peggy Johnson, a blind student at Texas Tech. Although Peggy is not totally blind, she needs someone to read her assignments to her.

Peggy's smile is always a warm welcome, and it is reflected in eyes that are filled with warmth, if not perfect in vision. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Johnson of Jacksonville, Texas. Peggy is a sophomore student and is majoring in home economics.

Last May, Gamma Phi chapter sent Peggy to Austin via Trans-Texas Airlines to visit her fiancé, who is a student at Texas University. The state of Texas paid the chapter one hundred dollars for reading to Peggy, and the money was used to pay for this trip. The amount left was used to record two books that she needed and also to buy materials for the use of two blind children at the college nursery.

The project was suggested to the chapter by Barby Bicknell, Chaplain, who also arranged the hours for each Gamma Phi member to read.



Mary Jane Turner (left) is one of the members of Theta at Texas Tech who reads to Peggy Johnson (right), blind student.

This year, Kay Adkins is in charge of coordinating the project. Everyone in the chapter feels that this project is a worthwhile undertaking, and the gratification of helping someone less fortunate than ourselves is more than enough to keep Theta eyes smiling always.

## **Assistantships in Personnel Work**

### **TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

**PURPOSE:** Assistantships are available for those graduate students who desire practical experience as they pursue a course of study in personnel work and counseling and guidance.

**DEGREES OFFERED:** M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with a major in Psychology, or M.A., M.Ed., and Ed.D. with a major in Education.

**STIPEND:** The position is a residency providing board, room, tuition, and a stipend ranging between \$20 and \$60 per month. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the educational background and experience of candidates.



**COURSE OFFERINGS:** The curriculum has been specifically designed to meet the training requirements for Deans of Women, Counselors of Women, Residence Hall Counselors, and Directors of Social Programs. Formal course training in clinical counseling, general psychology, and education is offered along with supplementary work in sociology, child development and family relations.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** A bachelor's degree from an accredited college and satisfactory achievement on the Graduate Record Examination qualify the candidate for admission to the Graduate School. The graduate program can be shaped to include necessary leveling work.

**WORK LOAD:** The student will be expected to devote primary attention to dormitory counseling duties under the direction of the Resident Counselor. While on duty, the graduate student does individual counseling and works with the activity program in the Women's Residence Halls. She may register for as many as ten semester hours in the Graduate School.

Applications should be addressed to: Miss Florence Phillips, Dean of Women, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.

## silhouette

### Ginny Thompson



One of the most outstanding women ever to graduate from the University of Illinois, Virginia Joy Thompson of Delta chapter was chosen as the May Queen for last spring's Mother's Day Weekend. Ginny, a slender brunette, was picked from a group of fifty outstanding senior women on the basis of scholarship, campus leadership, poise, personality and beauty. Prior to Mother's Day Weekend, she appeared on numerous radio and television programs, both in Champaign and in Chicago.

As a highlight of the festivities, Ginny was

crowned at a lovely ceremony on the Broadwalk behind the Illini Union. Wearing an exquisite white formal, she was escorted under a saber arch formed by an honor guard to the dais, from which she presided over the ceremonies which followed.

Her coronation as Queen was surpassed by an even greater honor when it was announced that Ginny was one of the co-valedictorians of a graduating class numbering 2033. A marketing-retailing major, her All-University average was 4.97. During her outstanding college career, Ginny was chosen for Alpha Lambda Delta, Shi-Ai, of which she was president, Torch, Mortar Board, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and Bronze Tablet. Ginny worked on Campus Chest, Star Course and the YWCA, and was a junior editor of the *Illio*. While serving as vice-president of Panhellenic, she represented Panhel on Student Senate and Committee on Student Affairs. With her commerce background, Ginny was a natural for the office of house treasurer, which she carried out most efficiently. She was selected to represent the chapter as our "Ideal Sorority Girl" at the 1955 Panhellenic Ball.

After a post-graduation trip to Europe, Ginny is planning to work in the fashion industry in Chicago.

• Judy Cleary  
Delta Chapter



# Books by Theta Authors

● reviewed by betty briggs



*The Making of Charles A. Beard, An Interpretation* by Mary Ritter Beard, Exposition Press, New York 16, 1955. \$3.00.

Mary Ritter Beard (Alpha) and Charles Austin Beard, husband and wife team of distinguished historians, have won acclaim for their scholarly and brilliant books on history and government. *The Rise of American Civilization* published in 1927 was perhaps the most famous product of their joint efforts. *The Beards' Basic History of the United States*, 1944, result of forty years devoted to the study of historical documents and observation at first hand of life in this country, Europe and the Orient, was widely read.

A mere listing of their books written together and individually would take more space than is available here, but we would like to remind Thetas that Mary Beard's *The Force of Women in Japanese History* was reviewed at some length in this magazine in the spring of 1954.

The subject of Mary Beard's latest book is her life's partner, the emphasis being on his work rather than on their personal life together. It might be called a compendium or collection of materials rather than a biography in story form. Part I is an impersonal résumé of Charles Beard's parental heritage, education, professional life in New York, the Orient and Yugoslavia as well as his life as an author.

Historians will be grateful to Mary Beard for making available in Parts II and III documents dealing with lesser-known aspects of Dr. Beard's career. For instance, an article from the *Nippon Times* expresses appreciation for his valuable services to Japan after the great earthquake that devastated Japan in 1923. In that year and the following he spent many months as adviser to the Tokyo Institute for Municipal Research. In 1948 Dr. Beard was again invited to Japan to assist in its rehabili-

tation after the "Pacific War," but that year death ended his long and fruitful career.

Included in the book is also a report by George Radin, Dr. Beard's colleague during his survey in 1927-28, of the newly formed government of Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia's prominence in current news gives added significance to Dr. Beard's work in that country.

The last part of the book, Arthur W. Macmahon's analytical study of "Charles Austin Beard as Teacher" interested me especially. This warm appraisal of Dr. Beard points to the heart of his genius as a teacher, "curiosity about truth amounting to passion," and "concern for the fulfillment of individuals." Charles Beard's "communicative zest" made him a strong influence not only at Columbia University and Johns Hopkins, but in the pioneer Training School for the Public Service established in 1911 under the New York Bureau of Municipal Research. He was in fact an advisory member of countless departments of government and history.

While he was a student at Oxford in 1899, he helped found Ruskin College for workingmen. Mary Ritter Beard, who had met Charles when they were students at DePauw, shared the venture in England, too.

I wrote to Mrs. Beard, who is spending the winter in Arizona away from her Connecticut home, asking if she planned a biography of her husband telling of their life together. To this her son William Beard replied saying that Mary Beard no longer feels up to writing a book or even an article. It was perhaps an impertinence to suggest that an author who has contributed so much to knowledge should set herself yet another task. How better could she spend her eightieth year than to rest on her laurels?

Theta friends and admirers salute our distinguished member, rich in years and accomplishments.



# Sweet compulsion

- Pan Pipes  
of Sigma Alpha Iota



Kathleen Davison

With a record of constructive, brilliant leadership since 1942 as Sigma Alpha Iota's National President, Kathleen Davison (Drake) closed her term of service in that capacity at the Washington, D.C. convention, a service in which she brought great distinction to herself, to the musical fraternity of Sigma Alpha Iota and to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Kathleen's fourteen year presidency was marked by insight and creativity. Her leadership in both tangibles and intangibles resulted in notable achievement and far-reaching influence in the musical world.

Under her guidance, the Sigma Alpha Iota Foundation was established in 1947 with its already impressive accomplishments for its brief existence. The third \$500 graduate scholarship was awarded at the recent convention and also the third and fourth \$100 graduate scholarship to Sigma Alpha Iota. For the past two years \$10 scholarships have gone to the Dean of Music School's choice, to an SAI, in the 105 colleges where the fraternity has chapters. There have been scholarships to such well known centers as the Berkshire Music Center, the Fontainebleau School of Music in France, Idyllwild, Aspen, Interlochen, and others. A most recent announcement is that of the building of an SAI lodge at Interlochen, the income of which eventually reverts to scholarships.

The American Music Awards program, sponsored by the Foundation, was inaugurated under Kathleen's leadership, and is now entering upon its fourth three-year cycle of national competitions. Inherent in the program is the publication of the Sigma Alpha Iota Modern Music Series. There are other distinguished facets to the total program giving impetus to American music, the fraternity being the recipient of two recent national citations for its work in this field. The first citation in 1953 was given by the National Association for American Composers and Conductors and the more recent National Music Council one, in 1955.

In 1944, the International Music Fund had its inception and the achievements both at home and abroad are notable, as carried on largely through the fraternity's alumni membership. Aid in therapy work in Army, Navy and Veteran's Administration hospitals through gifts of musical instruments and service; more recent gifts to hospitals and schools for the handicapped; aid to the Philippines, Korea, Hawaii, Japan; participation in the UNESCO coupon plan; aid in rebuilding a shattered European library—these are but a few of the tangibles in this great program of helpfulness following World War II.

Kathleen's services to related organizations, music and fraternal, have likewise been wide



and creative. She was a member of the executive committee which founded the National Association of Music Therapy. In 1952 she succeeded the late Mrs. Guy Patterson Gannett as head of the Department of International Music Relations for the National Federation of Music Clubs. With this appointment came the chairmanship of the National Music Council's Committee on Music Rehabilitation, the two committees working closely with the U. S. Government Department of State and the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, in their programs of international relations and rehabilitation through music. Until her resignation from the N.F.M.C. post, she was a member of Committee on Music and UNESCO. She is a member of the board of the Musicians Club of America, the Louis Braille Institute, and an honorary member of the Fontainebleau Association. Kathleen has been a contributor of many articles to both music and fraternal journals.

Early in the World War II effort she was instrumental in calling together the national presidents of the three other women's music fraternities and sororities—Delta Omicron, Mu Phi Epsilon and Phi Beta—who joined hands in the promotion and accomplishment through Public Musicales of a million dollar war bond effort. This first organizational venture on the part of the four women's music groups resulted in the establishment of the Music Panhellenic Committee made up of the four national presidents, a committee which has had far-reaching

influence in the Music Panhellenic.

In the broader fraternity field, she has served as president of the Professional Panhellenic Association, as well as in other capacities, and is now an honorary advisor. She has served as PPA's representative to the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council and the National Conference of College Fraternities and Societies. She is at present IRAC's campus representative for PPA, and a member of IRAC's budget and finance committee.

Kathleen's pre-presidential leadership in Sigma Alpha Iota was that of the presidency of Pi chapter at Drake University, organizer and first president of the Des Moines alumnae chapter, Epsilon Province President, and a brief term as National Second Vice-President in charge of extension. She rose to the presidency upon the resignation of Gertrude Evans Messersmith, who entered war services.

A former music department chairman of the Des Moines Women's Club, Mrs. Davison had a part in the organization of and was first president of the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra Association. She is included in the recent issue of *Who's Who in the Midwest*.

Sigma Alpha Iota's large fraternity is indeed the beneficiary of Kathleen Davison's deep faith, her personal devotion and the genuinely creative leadership which brought the fraternity to such a high level of accomplishment. She has graciously accepted the appointment as Chairman of the Sigma Alpha Iota Foundation.



*We couldn't resist it!*

June, 1885

"The object of Kappa Alpha Theta is to publish everything of interest pertaining to the fraternity, gathered as equally as possible from all the chapters. The contributions for the present issue, however, have been quite varied in their length and in the amount of chapter news contained. From one or two chapters, indeed, we have received nothing; consequently, any irregularity in the distribution of fraternity news cannot be attributed to us. We have endeavored, so far as in us lies, to make the journal as interesting to one chapter as another."

First Editor—Agnes Emery



# It's not all george

• Patricia Talbot  
*Grosse Pointe News*

When Roberta Mackey Rigger says goodbye to her huge English sheep dog, George, and turns the key in the door of her neat gray clapboard house she steps into another world.

Every Wednesday and Thursday she reports to the *Detroit Free Press* for her feature assignment. You read her stories for and about women under the by-line, Roberta Mackey.

And how did she achieve this happy combination of housewife and career girl? Why, by following her mother's advice, of course.

After completing her education at Liggett, Bobbie went on to study economics at Connecticut College and the University of Michigan, where she was a member of Eta chapter. Then she worked in her father's office for a year and was considering a merchandising position. That's when mother stepped in. Mrs. Mackey, as Mildred Bauman, was before her marriage society editor at the *Free Press*. She sent her daughter along to see what she could find.

Bobbie tried a few weeks as fashion editor while the regular reporter was on her honeymoon, filled in for the club editor while she was in the hospital and when they offered her a place in the society department she was convinced.

After her marriage a few years ago to Robert Rigger, who is a product manager for a Wyandotte chemical concern, she went right on as society editor. They lived in a convenient terrace in the Indian Village.

Then she faced the dilemma, what to do about her husband's dinner on the night the symphony opened? She rushed home after the final deadline to throw a steak in the broiler and a load in the washing machine.



Roberta Mackey Rigger—and George.

When the Riggers bought their remodeled colonial home in Grosse Pointe this hectic life became complicated.

She talked it over with her husband and her boss. Now she has the best of two possible worlds. Working just two days a week as a feature writer, she has plenty of time for those homely chores like defrosting the icebox and whipping up her favorite lasagne casserole for popular buffet dinners.

Her feature assignments often mean interviews with social workers and the Friend of the Court. These are an inspiration to her in the community work she loves.

She plays a vital role in the activities of the Planned Parenthood League and the Tribute Fund for the United Community Services.

As education chairman for the Junior League she plans the lecture program for the three or four annual general membership meetings.

Much as she enjoyed writing a daily society column she has discovered feature writing more challenging and exciting. Her favorite to date was an exposé of the free photography offer. She and a photographer posed as a married couple taking up a studio offer of a free string of pearls, a \$25 war bond and three portraits. They were able to expose the outfit as a fraud and save countless housewives money.

Women's problems offer a large scope for the feature writer and Bobbie hopes to be covering such stories for the rest of her life. Her part time job is a challenge that leaves her with plenty of time and energy for her role as a housewife and community leader.





Sonja Stewart of Alpha Rho chapter.

Meet Sonja Stewart of Alpha Rho—a girl who recently received national recognition for her achievements in radio and television. From young women across the nation, she was picked for the annual \$500 scholarship of the American Women in Radio and Television.

Sonja, a senior from Rapid City, South Dakota, majoring in radio and television at the State University, rated consideration in part for an outstanding TV series which she co-produced. She pitted the talents of four different colleges against each other during 13 inter-collegiate quiz programs telecast over two area channels.

Sonja recalls with a smile a *faux pas* made by a member of the university team. For one question, each squad was divided into pairs and one partner was to name a country and the other to name the top official of that country. Instead of offering an easy well-known England, Russia or France, a university co-ed stumped her partner by blurting Luxemburg.

Nearly twenty thousand school children each week listen to "The Book Fair," a School of the Air series produced and directed by Sonja. Her own jazz show, "Something Cool," was

## Tune in to Sonja

• Anne Fuller  
Alpha Rho

warmly received on campus.

One Saturday morning last February, Sonja received a letter from the American Women in Radio and Television announcing that she had won the award and an expense-paid trip to Boston where she would be presented the scholarship and introduced to the women of AWRT. In April she left by plane for the Somerset Hotel, convention headquarters.

During a whirlwind of parties, luncheons, dinners, style shows, panel discussions and radio and TV demonstrations, Sonja made acquaintances not only with the members of AWRT, but also such personalities as the president of General Foods Corporation, the Governor of Massachusetts—and Vaughn Monroe.

AWRT's successful women impressed Sonja as "the sharpest I'd ever met." They were all so poised, and well-educated, she recalls. "And they were so extraordinarily wonderful to me." Her experiences at the convention increased her admiration for working women. She believes that they can successfully mix marriage and career, particularly in the field of radio and TV.

For three summers during high school Sonja earned money for the education necessary to her own career. Later she spent two summers with the Rapid City radio station, writing continuity, directing traffic, assisting with promotion and performing stenographic duties.

As a college junior, she was a campus cigarette representative for Chesterfield, gaining valuable experience in public relations and advertising as well as earning money. Sonja was selected on the basis of scholarship, achievement in radio and TV, extra-curricular activities and character.

A young lady in a hurry, Sonja is the type of girl who would like to split every minute



into two and stretch each day into 48 hours. She rarely eats lunch at the house. Instead she grabs a sandwich and works at the station during noon hour. Her roommate observed, "I see less of Sonja than of any other girl in the house."

In addition to writing, producing and directing for KUSD, the campus radio station, Sonja holds positions on planning committees for style shows, university dances and religious activities. She not only acts in University Theater productions, but also works backstage with sets and makeup. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman honorary, Toastmistress Club and Zeta Phi Eta, professional speech honorary. Combining her interest in drama and journalism, she was a critic and a columnist for the college newspaper.

On the run most of the day, Sonja often finds it impossible to settle down to studies or to unassigned reading that she loves until midnight. It is not unusual to find her delving into a French novel about 1:00 A.M., although

Aldous Huxley is her favorite author. Seventeenth century English literature has an intriguing appeal to her also. And after dinner she occasionally listens to jazz or renders a Bach Fugue on the grand piano. She would rather spend an evening cooking Pheasant Cantonese with her date than see the latest movie or hit the popular "night spots."

Sonja is described by Jim Slack, director of KUSD, as "a first rate girl with a fine flair for the field she has chosen. Each year," he observed, "there seems to be one outstanding girl majoring in radio and TV—and Sonja is among them. She will go far in her field," he predicts, adding . . . "if she doesn't get married soon."

She has shown an active and consistent interest in Kappa Alpha Theta, particularly effective as corresponding secretary and activities chairman. Her grades, 3.5 based on 4.0, are evidence of her conscientiousness and efficiency. Add her high scholarship to her achievements and the total is reflected in her recent selection to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

*"And when the shadow fades and is no more, the light that lingers becomes a shadow to another light."—Kahlil Gibran*

Grace Corbett Wells (Mrs. Ralph C.)  
Epsilon Chapter, 1928  
Claremont, California

Clara Fink Dobson (Mrs.)  
Theta Chapter, 1879  
Boaz, Alabama

Harriet M. Fink  
Theta Chapter, 1879  
Boaz, Alabama

Mary Leone Cooke Cole (Mrs. Daniel H.)  
Chi Chapter, 1903  
Rome, New York, July, 1956

Marion F. Craig  
Omega Chapter, 1903  
Berkeley, California, December 19, 1956

Caroline Sargent Silloway (Mrs. George P.)  
Alpha Beta Chapter, 1891  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1956

Ida Evans Bixler (Mrs. L. Clyde)  
Alpha Delta Chapter, 1896  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December, 1956

Laura Louise Freeser  
Alpha Lambda Chapter, 1910  
Two Dot, Montana, November 9, 1955

Nell Robinson Milam (Mrs. Carl H.)  
Alpha Omicron Chapter, 1909  
Barrington, Illinois, July 25, 1956

Martha Vordenburg Coons (Mrs. Edgar D.)  
Alpha Tau Chapter, 1922  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Eleanor O'Shee  
Alpha Phi Chapter, 1920  
January 5, 1956

Helen Jordan Shillinglaw (Mrs. Donald)  
Alpha Phi Chapter, 1947  
Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 30, 1956



# *Twine for the Kite*

**Alice Frien Johnson** (Washington at Seattle), president of Women's National Press Club in Washington, D.C. headed a group of twenty-two members of the club on a West Indian trip. They had press conferences with the now ex-President Magloire of Haiti and President Hector Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, with briefings by the Air Force, Army and Navy on the United States defense picture in Puerto Rico. Alice is a member of the staff of the *Seattle Times*.

**Elsa Hempl Hill** (Stanford), assistant professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State, spent two years in Italy on a Fulbright lectureship, conducting classes in Florence. With a one-year extension, she helped organize a course in occupational therapy in the Neuropsychiatric Hospital at the University of Rome and opened an adult physical medicine OT clinic there.

**Abigail Cresson Davis** (Syracuse) has had frequent poems in the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *N. Y. Herald Tribune*



Janet Hay, biochemist

and other prominent publications. There was also one in the October *Good Housekeeping*. She uses her maiden name as her pen name.

**Janet Hay** (DePauw) has accepted a position with Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis as assistant biochemist, on the purification and characterization of antiviral agents. Graduated with a major in zoology, she spent her junior year in England at Southampton University on an exchange scholarship and received her master's from Indiana University.

**Jane Colclessor** (Penn State) took first place in the Erie Yacht Club Ladies Day sailboat race last summer and **Joanne Bedenk** won the Vermont State Hunter Championship with her horse, Roman Soldier.



Jane Colclessor and Dot Glading, sailing





Sally Stauffer as Miss Marlin

**Sally Stauffer** (Penn State) went down to help judge a contest in Florida and was persuaded to enter the contest herself. She borrowed a bathing suit, climbed into a pair of borrowed high heels and won the title Miss Marlin (baseball queen) and a trip to Bermuda.

**Shelby Tree** (San Jose State) is the winner of the Edith R. Allen Memorial Scholarship awarded annually to the top senior woman journalist by the California Newspaper Publishers Association. She was featured as cover girl for the September issue of *California Publisher*.

**Phyllis McIntosh** (British Columbia) has returned to Canada after two years in Europe and Asia. She spent one year with the Canadian Red Cross Welfare team in Japan.

**Frances Snyder Corson** (Pennsylvania) has moved to France with her husband, Colonel Frederick R. Corson of the U. S. Army, who has been assigned to duty with the NATO in Paris. Their address is Hq. U. S. Eucom, C. E. Division; APO-128, New York, N.Y.

**Suzanne Stout** (Washington U.) is one of four girls in the United States working with junior and senior high schools for the Vogue Pattern Service. She carries with her a specially designed wardrobe of "Vogue Young Fashionables," complete with accessories to illustrate to the beginning sewing student that fashion and simple sewing can go together. She formerly worked for Joseph Magnin and Company in San Francisco.

**Adele Sparks Lambrides** (Maryland) posed for the last August issue of *Mademoiselle*, posing eight hours a day for two days. The actual number of pictures printed totaled eight, although (as is customary with photographers) dozens had been taken. Adele was selected from a field of 35 to 40 other candidates and was chosen on her photogenic and modelling ability.

**Berta Whittle** (British Columbia) represented Canada in the Olympic Games in Australia as a member of the Canadian Women's Grass Hockey team. After the Games, she toured Australia and New Zealand, returning to Vancouver via Bermuda.



Suzanne Stout of Vogue Pattern Service



**Barbara Duke**, Theta pledge at Butler, came within 1.2 seconds of making the recent trip to Australia with the American Olympic swimming team. She holds records in the Indiana 200-meter freestyle, the Ozark AAU 100-meter freestyle and won the Junior National 50-yard freestyle event this summer.

**Marihelen McDuff** (Southern Methodist) has been named public relations director of the Great Southwest Corporation, a new \$500,000,000 industrial development in the center of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. She was formerly director of public relations for Neiman-Marcus in Texas.

The lovely lady in the blue satin evening cloak, shown "in the dreamy world of dawn" on Fifth Avenue outside the Hotel Pierre (*Life Magazine* Dec. 3rd issue) was **Linda Bromley** of Denison University.

Formerly Miss Montana, **Berta Heubl** of Montana State is now with the Ray Charles singers on the Perry Como show over the NBC network, under the professional name of **Carla Huston**.



Berta Heubl, now Carla Huston of the Perry Como Show.



*Washington Post*

Janet Marshall, first collegiate Cadette in the U.S.A.

The first collegiate "Cadette" of the Women's Air Force ROTC, the first initiate of this new program in the United States, is **Janet Marshall** (George Washington), a junior major in foreign affairs. She is classified in Intelligence, planning to go on with WAF following graduation, at which time she will receive a commission as Second Lieutenant.

### Bit of an error

Sometimes we regret having to make a correction. Sometimes it is a pleasure, as in the case of the erroneously reported death of *Lola Smart Clark of St. Joseph, Missouri* (erroneously reported as Michigan). With no idea as to the source of the misinformation so long after its receipt, the correction is a pleasure in itself. It was, as her brother-in-law remarked, "a bit of an error."



*Our historian keeps us posted . . .*

AWALI  
BAHRAIN  
PERSIAN GULF

## Al Dar

December 30, 1956

Dear Theta Family:

Perhaps I told some of you at Banff last June that I would be thinking of you at Christmas in Bangkok. Well, it did not turn out that way. Here we are on an island in the Persian Gulf after spending Christmas week among "the largest American population south of Paris" as guests of Arabian American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia.

Before this year—which included those heart-warming days in Banff—closes, I would like to say thank you for the memories of Theta thoughtfulness symbolized by the "book-charm" bracelet which has never been off my arm across the thousands of miles we have traveled since Ellen Hofstead clasped it on that wonderful surprise night at Banff—(except when I sleep!). It has been a conversation piece from Flin Flon to Bahrain. Maybe you would like to hear about some of the places where the tiny gold kite and the treasure chest filled with real gems has been admired:

We had driven some 10,000 miles cross Canada and the U.S.A. when we stopped to relax on Cape Cod in late August. Then we were going north to linger in New England through the autumn color—and incidentally, to enjoy visits with Hope Davis Mecklin, Pearl Higbie and Helen French (all former members of Theta Grand Council) before accepting Ellen's invitation for a Theta weekend in Nashville on a roundabout drive home to California. But here our Pan American son reached us with the news that he had become Traffic Manager for the Atlantic Division. If we were to visit that family in Europe we had to do it then. On three days notice, we reversed our year's travel plans and flew back to Germany with him. Grandparents proved to be of real use in helping to move a family of five youngsters—plus dog and pony—from Frankfurt to Darien, Connecticut.

But they left their station wagon behind—our blue "Holiday" had been parked near Idlewild for them. Depositing our Round-the-World flight ticket in the PAA safe in Frankfurt, we headed up the Autobahn to see autumn in Scandinavia. If we did miss the brilliant woods of New England, we saw Europe in all its gorgeous hues from the Gulf of Finland to Capri—and even some of the last of the bronze and gold leaves blowing off trees along the Bosphorus.

Some day I hope we may share the pictorial record with many of you. Just now there are a few word scenes of special significance: (1) Janet Sanborn (former Parliamentarian) and her lovely daughter, Vicki, waving welcome as we landed at Templehof in Berlin as a prelude to two wonderful days in their charming Dahlem home, during which the Judge took us on an instructive tour of East Berlin.

(2) Johanna Hudig opening the door of her sunflooded apartment on the top floor of Rotterdam's most modern and highest building. As we looked down on the busy harbor and the workmen earnestly engaged in building over its war-scarred rubble, she told us—over morning coffee—of her duties as the first woman Judge in Holland (Juvenile Court). And we sensed between the words her own constructive part in rehabilitating youthful delinquents. Many times she spoke with appreciation of her privileges as a Theta Fellow.

(I have written to Shanta Vashist in Delhi and hope that when we arrive there in about two weeks I can repeat the experience of seeing another of our Fellows using her American education among her people in India.)

(3) Perhaps the most important of all our days in far places—a November morning in cold Vienna when we looked into the faces of brave men, women and children thronging the halls of the bleak gray barracks at Traiskirchen. How we wished we could make everyone in America ap-



preciate what these people had endured in the name of Freedom!

And then we arrived in Dhahran on Christmas Eve to find our friends there adding up the results of their Hungarian Relief Drive. In the three major American communities of the Arabian Peninsula, Dhahran, Abqaiq and Ras Tanura—where ARAMCO families have made the desert sand bloom with oleanders, hibiscus and bougainvillea (not to mention four-foot stalks ripe with December corn)—campaigners had been ringing doorbells of houses gay with Christmas lights. \$15,000 had been gathered!

It may be spring by the time this gets into print—if there is space in *Kappa Alpha Theta* pages for it. By then we will have visited Helen Alexander (Beta Epsilon) in her garden-surrounded Rangoon home, and Bangkok, too. Perhaps it will even be April, when we will be back in San Francisco. But wherever we are the Theta bracelet will be tinkling against the gold hearts of my grandmother bracelet and my thoughts will be with all of you.

Loyally,

Carol Green Wilson  
*Historian*

## Personal project

Our philanthropic project at St. Mary's Orphanage is a great satisfaction to Alpha Eta members and to those who believe that "the roots of the fraternity are deep in the soil of service." This home, for Protestants as well as Catholics, is operated by five Catholic Sisters, who do the cooking, washing, ironing, and teaching of eighty-five children. Ranging in age from four to fifteen years, these boys and girls keep the Sisters constantly "on the run." Likewise, they keep us jumping.

Once a week, five or six Thetas go out to St. Mary's to play games and entertain the children for an hour or more in the afternoon. We also give parties for them at various times of the year. Last spring, at the Easter Egg hunt, we hid at least 300 eggs. Within fifteen minutes, every one of these "goodies" had been found by the children. What a let-down! We thought we had concealed them so well. After this surprise, we all played "Red-Rover" and "Wood-tag," two games of which they never tire.

In order to pay individual attention to each of the children, every member in the chapter is corresponding in a "pen-pal" fashion with one or two of the children. I think that this personal contact will bring a great deal of happiness, not only to the children, but also to



Devoting time to the children at the St. Mary's Orphanage is Alpha Eta's contribution to personal philanthropy.

Theta sisters as well. We feel that this project is a worthwhile and wholesome one and hope that other Theta chapters will do the same sort of work in the future.

• Rosalie Adams  
*Alpha Eta*



# What's going on?



## Party for Orphans

**Alberta**

For a number of years now it has been the custom for the members of Beta Chi chapter in co-operation with the Delta Upsilon fraternity to hold a Christmas party for various groups of orphans. This year we found a group of orphans ranging from two to twelve years of age, who have never been given a Christmas party before.

We play games and have as much fun as the children. After we are all a bit exhausted from peanut scrambles, musical arms and other games we sing Christmas carols. At this time Santa mysteriously appears, descending from the roof of the D.U. house, with presents and candy for everyone. There is much excitement as all the children open their gifts. A lunch of hot chocolate and cookies winds up the big afternoon.

This orphan party is one of Theta's pet projects and we all look forward to it with much enthusiasm every year.

**Patricia Wachowich**

## Alone at Last

**Albion**

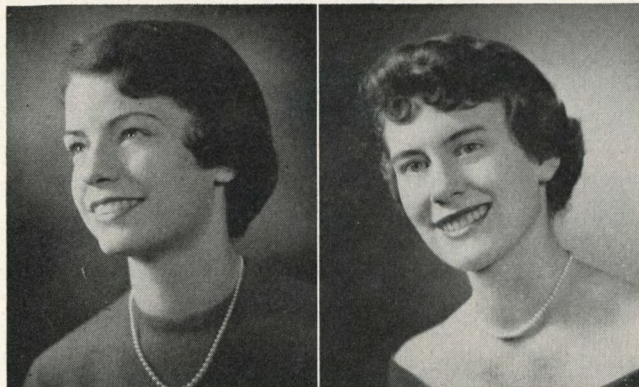
The lights were dimmed. Pi chapter was alone with 46 of the strongest, handsomest men on Albion's campus. It was very still. Then the movie began!

Pi chapter was playing hostess to the Albion college gridiron stars at the annual football banquet in November.

First came the chicken dinner, then the entertainment by the pledges. After presentation of awards to the men, the climax came—a film of the gridgers in action during their past season.

With this banquet Pi chapter closed with a





Mary Alice Hanson (left) of Allegheny College is president of AWS and Kay Johnston (right) serves as vice-president.

flourish the 1956 football season for Albion college and her "Fighting Britons."

**Rosemary Kuchta**

### Election Results

**Allegheny**

It seems that this was the big election year for Mu Thetas, as well as the nation. Last spring we were more than proud when four of our members were elected to offices of the Women's Student Government. Mary Alice Hanson was elected President; Kay Johnston was elected First Vice President and President of Senior Court; Lynne Crandall was elected Second Vice President; and Jean Ridgeway was elected a member of Senior Court. Jeanie is also Mu's very capable president.

Thetas are busy elsewhere on Allegheny's campus, too. Sue Reiber is Chairman of the Fund Drive; Lynne Crandall is the new state extemporaneous speaking champ; and Mary Jo Howard is a resident advisor for freshman women.

Two of our members turned cosmopolitan

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### are you writing a book?

The book review editor, Betty Briggs, would like to know about the recent books that have just been or are being written by Thetas. Not only would they be reviewed in the magazine, which catches 33,000 Thetas at a swoop, but plans are under way to build up a library for the new Theta headquarters.

Would you ask your publisher to put Kappa Alpha Theta on their list for an advance copy, sent to: Mrs. Reid Briggs, 3901 E. California St., Pasadena 10, California?

and spent their junior year in Europe. Sylvia Liberati studied at the Sorbonne and Betty Morgan studied at the University of London. It's nice to have them back and hear all about their wonderful experiences.

**Betty Morgan**

### Theta Comes to API

**Auburn**

*Alabama Polytechnic Institute*

We are proud to announce the arrival of a new Theta baby, the Gamma Omega Colony at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, which will be a chapter by the time the magazine goes to press. The colony was established on September 19, 1956, with the formal pledging of thirty-four prospective Thetas.

The officers elected to lead this pledge class are Sarah Hamilton, president, Buffalo, N.Y.; Melonie Terrell, vice-president, Birmingham, Ala.; Marilyn Dodge, secretary, Jackson, Miss.; and Annette Moss, treasurer, Birmingham, Ala.

The fall rush season was delightful, exciting, and very entertaining. Ellen Hofstead and Jane Delony motivated the rush program and presented a splendid example of what rush should be. Also, twenty Thetas from the Alpha Eta chapter at Vanderbilt moved to Auburn *en masse* to help with the rush program. The girls charmed their way into the hearts of everyone with whom they came in contact and we extend our sincerest thanks to them for the wonderful job they did.

It would be very inappropriate not to announce the mother of the new Theta baby. She is Suzanne Lally, acting president of Gamma Omega. Suzanne is a senior and a transfer from Beta Nu, Florida State University.



We of Gamma Omega Colony realize our great responsibility to Kappa Alpha Theta and the tremendous amount of work entailed in the establishment of a new chapter. Therefore an extensive training program has been initiated. Scholarship and participation in campus activities have been stressed. Come January 26, 1957, we will become a chapter and all be initiated. Some activities of the pledges include writing for the college newspaper, swimming for the Dolphin Club, and singing and playing in the various music groups on campus. Dannie Sue Mackin is the vocalist for the Auburn Knights Orchestra which is recognized as one of the nation's leading college dance bands.

On a Sunday in October we formally presented the pledge class to the campus at a tea held in our lovely new chapter room. The room is done in a modern decor with black and white the predominate colors. Bamboo furniture fits into the color scheme of the walls and drapes. Orange, yellow and brown accent the basic colors and add variety to the over-all picture.

Sorority life was completely foreign to most of the pledges and we thought it would be interesting to present some of their comments

on why they were attracted to Theta.

"The girls from Vanderbilt drew me to them. They were very natural and had magnetic personalities."

"The friendliness and warmth in the Theta ideals shown throughout the hectic rush program. I believe the spirit at the preferential party clinched it for me."

"The Theta way of treating each girl as an individual influenced me at their very first rotation open house. They were always sincere and never gushy. I was sure about Theta from the beginning."

"I came to A.P.I. with my mind made up about the sorority I wanted to join. It was one already established here on the campus. However, I did not forget the words of a friend at home— 'You'll find a sorority with which you'll feel very much at ease. This will be the sorority for you.' During my freshman year I didn't find the sorority for me. Now I'm really glad I waited, because I have found in Theta the quality that I was seeking . . . love."

**Dannie Sue Mackin**  
**Marcia Sugg**



The pledges of Gamma Omega chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Suzanne Lally, active, is seated in the front row, left.



## Double Duty

Beloit

Watching bunny heads take shape is not only fun but is also constructive. One of our chapter projects this year is embroidering bunny faces on wash clothes for hospitalized children. One plain cloth is sewed to a decorated one to form a head. Big floppy ears of cloth add the finishing touch. These bunnies will provide fun while bathing and can also be used as hand puppets.

Sue Robbins

## No Small Charity

British Columbia

In the Fall of 1956, Beta Upsilon decided to participate in philanthropic activities extending beyond the physical boundaries of North America. Contacting a charity agency in Western Europe, our request to be permitted to solicit some little aid in the educational field was answered directly by a school teacher in a West German camp for displaced children. Through the exchange of letters that followed, we learned that these children would greatly appreciate any contributions in the way of school supplies and that, the school itself was functioning under the handicap of a scarcity of basic materials.

We were very happy, therefore, to send to "our school" a rather rare Christmas treat in the form of suitable text books, story books, chalk, crayons, scribblers and other elementary

school supplies. This small act of direct aid brought with it the realization of the difficulty entailed in the acquisition of even an elementary education without many of the essential school room supplies which we in America have often taken for granted.

Joyce Brown

## Gamma Revisited

Butler

Approximately one hundred active and alumnae members of Gamma chapter attended a desert on December 17, 1956, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Gamma's reinstallation at Butler University in 1906. Honored guests were the thirteen Thetas who were initiated in 1906 when the chapter regained its charter. Gamma was founded in 1874 but lost its charter for ten years, from 1896 to 1906. Five Thetas from the initiation class of 1906 were able to attend the anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Walter Krull, who has served on the Gamma advisory board for a number of years, related the history of Gamma chapter with the story of its reinstallation. Other Thetas of that original class are Mrs. John Atherton, Indianapolis; Mrs. William Taft, Indianapolis; Mrs. Hugh Wilkinson, Marion, Indiana; Mrs. Homer McKinstry, Oaklandon, Indiana; Miss Margaret Axtell, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Ruth Adams, Wilmington, Delaware; Mrs. Harold Essig, Dowagiac, Michigan; Mrs. Walter



Four Beta Upsilon graduates were honoured at British Columbia last spring. Shown here are, left to right, Anne Skelton, now studying at the University of Jerusalem; Marylen Knox; Pam Rose (now in Europe) and Jean Taylor.



Schuller, Indianapolis; Mrs. Robert Green, Flint, Michigan; Miss Frieda Woerner, Indianapolis; Mrs. Howard Mutz, Edinburg, Indiana and Mrs. Mark Brown, Lake Providence, Louisiana.

Each of the honored Thetas received corsages. Letters from those who could not attend were read.

The active chapter, under the direction of songleader Joan Davis, and an alumnæ group, under the direction of Mrs. James Kingsbury, sang Theta songs. The singing, plus the stories related by the 1906 Thetas, showed the progress of Gamma through these past 50 years.

Joanie Davis

## Katie is Tops

### California at Berkeley

In September the Omega Thetas were more than pleased, but not at all surprised to hear that Katie Gibbons had done it again. This year's vice-president and pledge trainer of the chapter house, besides reigning as Sweetheart of Sigma Chi in 1954 and offering some stiff competition in the Maid of Cotton Contest in 1955, was chosen as hostess for the Berkeley Football Festival. The Festival, initiated in 1946 by the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce with hopes of making it an international greeting to football season, is a week of festivities, television appearances, and luncheons. Katie was hostess to fourteen queens from cam-



Katie Gibbons, hostess of the Football Festival at the University of California at Berkeley.



As their project in the humanities, Gamma chapter members lavished gifts on young Larry Merrill who, they discovered, was quietly awaiting his last Christmas.

puses across the United States and Canada, and she very graciously represented the University. We are all very proud of the hospitality and charm she showed in this position.

Jeanette Maddox

## Sweepstakes

### California at Los Angeles

One of the chapter activities which we have had the most fun doing, and which has earned for us the most awards, has been our women's intramural sports team.

Led by the able and athletically inclined Lorna Kiech, the participants of each game are not always the same, due to conflicting classes and athletic ability in a certain sport. The games, which are played on the average of once a week, are entered by all women's living groups, dormitories and sororities. Not only do these games bring the members of each team closer together, but they provide an opportunity to meet the members of other groups under conditions of good sportsmanship and fun.

Our trophies this year have been awarded to us for first place honors in volleyball, swimming and badminton, plus receiving the sweepstakes trophy for the spring semester. We are



more than proud of our teams, and hope to see our success continue this semester.

Lynne Schultz

## Meet the Greeks

### Carnegie Tech

"Meet the Greeks!" This is the name given to the all-sorority tea originated by the Thetas two years ago on Carnegie Tech's campus. The highlight of the party was our centerpiece—a Greek Parthenon made of sugar cubes complete with the Greek initials of each sorority at the top of the columns. Two of the girls, dressed in togas with ivy wreaths as headpieces, welcomed the guests as they arrived. The tea was a great success and several sororities offered to be hostesses in future years. "Meet the Greeks" has now become a tradition, and one we are especially proud of.

### Marilyn Reiling

## One of Only Two

### Cincinnati

Most colleges have an annual Homecoming Queen, but the University of Cincinnati has no similar precedent. Since its founding in 1870 this university has had only two such queens. Its first Homecoming Queen was crowned in 1931, and to make this event more spectacular the queen, Rosie Ballantyne (Mrs. Robert Atkins), was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. October 13, 1956 marked the presentation of the second Homecoming Queen. This event climaxed weeks of judging the contestants. When Jane Replögel, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, captured this title it was no surprise, because she had already captured the heart of the campus.

### Cathy Goebel

## A Formal Gathering

### Colorado

In one corner of the living room sat the house manager, Marilyn Wells, in a disconsolate heap. How was she ever going to get that impossibly jammed formal closet cleaned out?

In another corner sat Barbara Marco, Campus Chest chairman, in an equally inconsolable heap. She had come to the conclusion that trying to raise money, especially so close to Christ-



Cincinnati's second Homecoming Queen (and second Theta to be honored) was Jane Replögel of Alpha Tau chapter.

mas, was proving to be a highly unsuccessful venture.

Pooling their problems, these two came up with a novel idea; and that night at dinner Thetas found themselves participating in a formal gown auction. It must be admitted that a few of the dresses were of a rather peculiar style, dating back as much as ten years, but who could resist the sales talks of those beautiful models?

As a result of the evening's activity Beta Iota won first prize, a lovely engraved tea service, for the greatest contribution to Campus Chest. Incidentally, the formal closet was completely cleaned out!

### Jane Hester

## Keeping the Cup

### Colorado A & M

The high point in the past year for Beta Gamma was the news that we had achieved top sorority scholarship average at Colorado A & M for our ninth consecutive quarter. How proud we all were to be awarded the Panhellenic Scholarship Cup once more, knowing that this time it was ours to keep!

We will always remember with special pride Winter Quarter, 1956 when we attained an average of 3.02, making us the first Greek organization ever to acquire a "B" average for a quarter.

Special credit for our good grades should go to JoAnne Hamil, our present scholarship chairman, and also to the hard working girls who preceded her. We are grateful to our alums



for the advice and assistance they have given us, and we are proud too of the spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm displayed by all our active members, past and present. Good scholarship, we have found, is dependent on every chapter member's best efforts, and we are hoping that by using the things we have learned we can achieve even better records in years to come.

Mary Lou Cass

## Top of the Mark

Colorado College

We of Beta Omega are very proud of our recently completed project. Upon entering the lodge, a large size replica of the Theta pin attracts the attention of all. This is our scholarship kite.

The kite is made entirely of wood, with the exception of the pearls. Every individual letter, or part of the pin was cut out of wood and placed on to the large basic kite shape. This gives the kite a three dimensional appearance. The name of each girl in the chapter and her grade point average appears on the kite. The highest grade averages are at the top of the kite.

Our kite not only serves as a reminder of the importance of scholarship, but it also serves to bring the ideals of Theta that are symbolized by the pin, closer to each of us.

Mary J. Leopold

## Linguistics

Cornell

"Parlez en Francais, si vous plais" is often overheard in Iota's dining room this year. Language tables are no innovation here but it is unique that lapses into English and sloppy French are not permitted. The reason is Parisienne Eliane Martin, graduate of the Sorbonne, who is making her home here as an exchange student while doing graduate work in literature. Eliane's stay became, quite accidentally, a true exchange, for one of Iota's juniors who is studying in France this year enjoyed a stay of several weeks with Eliane's family in Paris. A gratifying mutual experience has become a successful international experiment.

Catherine Lake



How high can you go? Gay Broyles and Sue Leonard stand beside Beta Omega's Chapter Scholarship Kite.

## Bazaar Bonanza

Denison

"Hey guys, get your cakes and pies," was one of the cries from the Wee White House, Saturday, December 8. The Thetas were inviting the whole school as well as Granvillites to their Christmas Bazaar.

After experimenting with yarn, angel hair and felt for several months, we found our creation varied from clever faces on fly swatters to pincushions shaped as fraternity pins. Sorority pillows and glasses cases, argyle socks, and Christmas aprons, tree ornaments, coasters and place cards were also successful ventures. Aided by the alums and pinmates, our excitement yielded good times at the house and 600 dollars for our building fund.

Sue Roberts

## Versatility

Duke

The basis for the success of blond and blue-eyed Ginny Brewer is versatility. A Beta Rho Theta, Ginny has achieved practically every major honor that Duke University can offer. Last spring this senior from Charlotte, North Carolina, was one of seven tapped for White Duchy, the highest woman's honorary on cam-





Duke points with pride to versatile Ginny Brewer, one of their outstanding members.

pus, was elected to Phi Kappa Delta, leadership and scholarship honorary, and later chosen for *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. The title of Homecoming Queen was added in October to her laurels that already included being president of her dormitory, Program House, and assistant chief marshal at graduation. During her tenure at Duke Ginny also has participated in numerous other activities and contributed to the chapter as the chaplain and a conscientious member.

Alice McKee

## Octopi Galore

Florida State

Sitting amidst many octopi are pledges Betty Fernandez and Glenda Brown. Betty, on the left, and Glenda, right, instigated the idea of making each yarn octopus to send to the Institute of Logopedics for the children. The actives, not to be outdone by the pledges, made stuffed animals, coloring, and alphabet books to send along with the "octopuses."

Barbara Hendrix

## A Home of our Own

Fresno

Pardon us for being enthusiastic! Gamma Chi members of Fresno, California are proudly talking of their first house. The last pieces of

new furniture have just arrived for the presentation of our fall pledges and our first formal tea.

Our wonderful alumnae recently showered us with useful and attractive gifts for housekeeping. They spent many hours remodeling and decorating—their work truly made the house possible.

Mrs. Vera Davis, house mother, and twelve girls are living in. However, the entire chapter now realizes how a home of their own can strengthen the group's relationships and friendships.

Carol Gerner

## Two for the Press

Georgia

Pride and joy of Gamma Delta are two actives, Sue Crawford and Joey Sawatzke. Both are members of Mortar Board, of which Joey serves as president.

Sue has been vice-president of her class for three consecutive years. For two years, she was Delta Tau Delta sweetheart. Sue is a member of Angels Flight, Theta Sigma Phi, "Z" Club, and is vice-president of Professional Panhellenic. As president of Gamma Delta chapter, Sue represented the chapter at the convention this summer. Although a journalism major, she is more interested in the advertising aspect of the field. This summer she did her advertising



Surrounded by yarn octopi are Betty Fernandez (left) and Glenda Brown of Florida State.



internship with an agency in her native Chicago.

Also a journalism major, Joey Sawatzke has made quite a name for herself on the Georgia campus. She has held a junior editorship on the *Pandora*, school annual, and has been society editor of the *Red and Black* newspaper. She is treasurer of Theta Sigma Phi and serves as Panhellenic delegate of Gamma Delta.

A loyal Theta, Joey was last fall's Theta rush advisor. She is quite excited over her new job as Mortar Board head, and justly so.

Both are embarked upon their senior years, constant reminders to the entire chapter of what true Thetahood can mean.

Anne Sullivan

## Travel Talk

### Idaho

Karen Warner, of Beta Theta chapter, has entertained her sister Thetas with tales of her experiences in Europe from April to August. Language difficulties caused problems and embarrassment at first, but Karen found her five months' stay in Europe fascinating and fun. Leaving New York last March, Karen studied French and music at the University of Geneva for three months before taking a tour of the continent which began with a week in Paris.



Both members of Mortar Board at Georgia are the two journalism majors, Sue Crawford (left) and Joey Sawatzke.



Remember the picture on the back cover of the last magazine? Fresno actives now occupy the house that was being redecorated and a recent visitor, Mrs. Dana McDuffee, District IX President (front row) meets with Virginia Krous, president; (back row) Mrs. Ellen Herndon, advisory board chairman; JoAnn Quinn, house manager; and Mrs. Vera Davis, house mother, to discuss those problems particular to a new sorority house.

After she finished her studies in Geneva, Karen took a group tour through France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, the Riviera, and England.

Ginger Fox

## New Pledge Program

### Illinois

Delta chapter is proud of our new pledge program designed to develop individual maturity and responsibility. Our new emphasis is on encouraging the pledges to use their time wisely rather than compelling them to study or join activities. We have abolished arbitrary rules as far as possible and our former demerit plan, in favor of one which fosters a positive attitude toward pledgeship among both the pledges and the actives. Judging by the pledges' midsemester grades, which were higher than the house average, and by their enthusiasm and conscientiousness, the program is a great success.

Judy Cleary





Four of Beta chapter's own Olympians, left to right: Carol Schilling, Sarah Jane Miller (foreground), Barbara Beal, and Shirley Gregg, are doing a little last minute practicing for the wheelbarrow and three-legged races at Indiana.

## No Serious Competition

### Indiana

"Theta Olympics" has become a tradition of Beta chapter in the past few years. Each spring pledge class plans and presents their version of the famous classic.

A runner bearing the symbolic torch leads the teams into Indiana University's Field House where the event is held. All sorority pledge classes on campus are invited to compete; they in turn may select a fraternity pledge to cheer them on.

The program includes such contests as a scooter race, broad jump, and broom race. Points are awarded for placing in each event, and the team accumulating the most points has its name engraved on the traveling Theta Olympics plaque.

Joan Erickson

## Dietetics Scholarship

### Iowa State

Connie Miller, a member of Gamma Pi chapter, was named last spring the first winner of a \$300 scholarship sponsored by Gerber Products Company in memory of Dr. Lillian Storms

Coover, who served as director of nutrition for the company for 15 years. The grant, for a junior going into hospital dietetics, was awarded Connie on the basis of high scholarship, character, activities, and need. She is active in Foods and Nutrition Club, Phi Upsilon Omicron (Home Economics honorary), campus PEO, Veishea, Homecoming, YWCA and Festival Chorus.

Julie Naughton

## The Near Future

### Kentucky

"Theta House Blues" will no longer be the theme song for Gamma Iota girls when we move into our new house which is expected to be ready next fall.

The house will be one of six in University of Kentucky's new sorority court. Built in modified Georgian architecture, the house will accommodate forty Thetas in two-girl rooms. There will be a study hall on the second and third floors. The basement will be furnished for a chapter and recreation room. A large living room will open onto a spacious patio where we can entertain out of doors.

Theta alumnae have done a tremendous amount of work in planning this project and we certainly appreciate the effort they have put forth.

Kay Drakett McCurdy

## Home Sweet Home

### Lawrence

We Alpha Psis are really bursting with pride this year because we just moved into our new chapter rooms, which we all agree are the nicest on campus. This year Lawrence built a million dollar dormitory, Colman Hall, and each of the sororities has its own room and we share a completely modern kitchen. We all breathed a sigh of relief the day we moved out of the old Panhel house which, we were sure, was ready to fall in on our heads any minute.

Our new rooms were decorated by Miss Feidler from Milwaukee and the main colors are black and pinkish-beige. (Our new rug is so thick that we've lost three pledges so far this year.) The furniture is contemporary so it will not go out of date quickly which is un-



Members of Alpha Psi chapter are enjoying their new house at Lawrence.



doubtedly a great comfort to all our alums. The rooms were paid for mainly by contributions from our alums and we owe a special thank-you to Mrs. Monnie Banta for all her help.

**Andrea Washburn**

## The Greek Speaks

**Maryland**

"You're on the air—"

"I lay back on my pillow and began to recount the rich memories that my years at Maryland had given me. . . ."

Thus started the first radio program of "The

Greek Speaks" series, for which the Gamma Mu chapter of Theta was selected to inform the new students about Greek life at Maryland University.

The half hour program was a narrative of the life of a typical sorority girl, starting with pledging and including the many wonderful experiences a sorority girl has up through graduation. The SAE's helped by serenading us to illustrate a typical pinning. The program was given on the campus radio station, and along with the honor of being chosen to present the program, lots of fun was had by all the Thetas and SAE's!

**Gillian Chadsey**



Maryland's Dianna Reiff (a transfer from Tulsa) is a member of Angel Flight, Panhellenic representative and Homecoming Queen finalist—continuing her high rate of activities from Tulsa where she was a beauty queen and class officer.

## Scotch Success

**Massachusetts**

The Gamma Etas have done it again! This time Theta won first place among sororities in the annual float parade contest held on Homecoming Weekend in October. At that time, the University faced its strong rival, the University of Connecticut, and Theta did her best to bolster her team's spirit with the cry "Bring 'Em Doon!"

Under the able direction of Addie D'Orio and Lois Janvrin, the industrious Gamma Etas constructed their float around the Scotch theme suggested by their rallying cry. The huge figure of a Scotsman standing with his foot on a map of Connecticut, the five Thetas on the float, and the kilted girls marching behind, singing to the tune of "The Campbells Are Coming," all con-



tributed to making the project a huge success as Theta chalked up her second win in two years. With another first place next year, Theta will receive permanent possession of the honor plaque. It's going to look lovely in our living room!

**Marion Haggerty**

## There are differences

**McGill**

There is no Mortar Board at McGill but our women's honorary society is the Red Wings. Their main function is to provide ushers at all types of university functions and they can be distinguished by white skirts and red or white blazers. Each year six girls are elected and approximately six are honorarily appointed. These girls are chosen for their outstanding leadership and work on campus. Their scholarship does not have to be the highest, but they have to be in good standing with the university. Beta Psi has nine members in this society which is a wonderful average.

Beta Psi chapter is very different from any other Theta chapter and most visiting Thetas find it extremely difficult to understand our unique rules in Montreal. Active sisters are not allowed to live at the fraternity house, according to university laws, thus we have only a four room apartment.

A wide cross-section of the world is represented in our chapter. There are girls from all parts of the United States and Canada, two from South America and two French girls. We are now organizing lunch periods where a foreign language, either French or Spanish, will be spoken.

**Joyce Benson**

## Babes in Toyland

**Miami**

Gamma Upsilon greeted this year's rush season with eager enthusiasm. We decided to have the same theme for *all* of our final period parties which was somewhat of an experiment for our chapter. We found, as others have before us, that having a single theme instead of three separate ones enabled us to concentrate on only one set of decorations, favors, refreshments, and name tags, making them more elaborate than was possible before.



"Bring 'em doon" won first prize for Gamma Eta chapter in the Homecoming parade.

We chose for our theme "A Theta in Toyland." Each member chose an appropriate costume which she completed during the summer, and the results were well worth time and effort.

For decorations we used stacks of KAT blocks set around the room along with loads of stuffed animals and balloons which completed the toy shop setting.

Particularly popular with our guests were the favors which were darling stuffed horses, sheep, dogs, bears, and cats made out of various gay print materials. Each rushee chose her favorite out of a big toy box.

As rush drew to a close, the chapter unanimously voted to send the leftover animals to the Institute of Logopedics.

**Julie Diehl**

## Time for Fun

**Michigan**

Once again this year Eta chapter took part in its annual Homecoming day event, the Mud-bowl game. This traditional "bowl" tilt draws several thousand spectators to the SAE bowl-shaped front yard for two enthusiastic hours of fun!





Theta's cheering section (for Phi Delt) at the Mudbowl game, at Michigan.

The game itself is a hard-fought gridiron battle between the Phi Delt and the SAE's. But the highlight of the morning, for us, anyway, is the half-time soccer game between Theta and our neighbors, Collegiate Sorosis. It culminates hours of practice and coaching; but it is worth every bit of the effort when, after much cheering and scrambling, Theta emerges victorious—as we did this year!

Sue Rutledge

## Secret Pals

### Michigan State

Beta Pi Thetas initiated a "secret pal" policy during the past term. Each of the 31 girls living in our sorority house drew a name at the beginning of the school year, and during the following months sent poems, seasonal cards and small gifts to her secret pal. The first of December we held our annual Christmas party, and during the celebration we identified ourselves by a piece of our secret pal's clothing and by reading a poem about the girl we'd been surprising all term.

Joanne Becker

## We're Convinced

### Missouri

The Alpha Mu pledge class is tops, and we think the Halloween party they gave us shows why!

The only hint we were given about what to expect was the warning that no one could eat unless in costume. Not until that night did we find that they had decorated the dining room with pumpkins, cornstalks, and "epitaphs" for the actives; they had personalized black masks with our names as favors; they had prizes for the best costumes; and they had prepared a polished skit showing, of course, why Theta is best! We agreed that they had convinced us.

Leslie Flynn

## Impressive Record

### Montana State

One of the most outstanding members of Alpha Nu is Joan Hoff, a senior from Butte, majoring in journalism and history. Joan is president of three major groups on campus: Associated Women Students, Panhellenic, and Mortar Board. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society; Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honorary; Theta Sigma Phi, a national journalism fraternity for women; and Kappa Tau Alpha, a journalism honorary. Besides keeping her 3.8 grade average Joan rounds out her full schedule of activities by belonging to Kams and Dregs, a humor organization at MSU.

Susan Cummins



Shown "on the job" is Pat Moynihan (Beta Pi), who is editor of Michigan State's 1957 yearbook. The honor is seldom awarded a coed, so Theta can be justly proud of Pat.





Beta Mu pledges working on Christmas dolls for visually handicapped children from left to right are: Kress Harris, Versiellen Ehberle, Janice McDonald, Lynn Miller, and Marjorie Miller.

## For the Visually Handicapped

### Nevada

The 1956 pledge class of Beta Mu has a unique project. They are making stuffed dolls and animals for the Nevada Society of Visually Handicapped Children. The parents of these children have just established the school, and there is a great need for equipment. It is now a pre-school-age institution. The pledges made the animals and dolls out of soft material filled with foam rubber. They are completely washable, and are soft so that they will not harm the children. We have been assured that the children will derive a great deal of pleasure from our Christmas gifts.

Katherine Warner

Alpha Phi has received credit for beginning another new tradition on campus, with a party given for the Tulane football team before the biggest game of the season, against LSU. It was the first time that the team had been entertained as a group, and was well-appreciated by them.

Gail Cox

## New Address

### New Mexico

When we got back to school this fall we had a rather large surprise waiting for us. The house we are now living in had been sold to the University and we were making plans to build a new one. The final plans haven't been completed but we think we will start building

## International Flavor

### Newcomb

Enjoying winter in Davos, Switzerland are Amanda Brown, Yvonne Arnoult, and Eva Lorridans, from Newcomb in the first group to participate in the junior year abroad plan newly instigated at Newcomb. Four of the 25 girls who spent their junior year in Europe were Thetas—Ellen Wright and Madolene Stone, who went to England; and Yvonne, Amanda, and Gail Price, who studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. Alpha Phi said "bon voyage" to three more girls, when Sandy Sutherland and Ann Coco left for France, and Elizabeth Johnston went to Spain. The girls say they study hard, but they also enjoy traveling over the holidays, as when Amanda and Yvonne went to Switzerland.



At Davos, Switzerland, on the "junior-year-abroad" program are, left to right: Eva Lorridans, Amanda Brown and Yvonne Arnoult.



the last of January or the first of February and we will be living in the new house come September.

The house will be located at 1801 Mesa Vista Rd. N.E. This is right between the SAE house and the Phi Delt house.

**Sandy Morris**

## Foolishness has a Purpose

**North Dakota**

An annual affair at UND is the KAT-TKE Gam Bowl game. The game is fashioned after football although the rules have been slightly revised.

Takes must wear tennis shoes and a 12 inch rope around their ankles. Other unusual regulations may have something to do with the fact

that the Thetas have won possession of the trophy, a mannikin leg, every year since the event originated.

The teams battle not only for fun nor to prove that females are better football players, but for the benefit of crippled children. Donations from spectators and one from both of the Greek houses are turned over to the Crippled Children's Fund.

**Mary Scott**

## Illustrious New Member

**North Dakota State**

Gamma Nu was deeply honored October 7 when Miss Katheryn Weesner, head of the home economics art department at North Dakota State, was initiated into Kappa Alpha

## silhouette

**Jean Gregory**



Theta can be justly proud of Beta Pi's Jean Gregory, a Vienna, Ill., senior who was recently named Michigan State University's first "Senior of the Week."

Jean deserves the honor, as her service to her university and the students of it range from campus publicity chairman of a number of events to president of Mortar Board, national senior women's honorary.

A Journalism major, Jean has served as president of Theta Sigma Phi, national Journalism honorary for women, and is now serving as vice-president. She is also a member of the

Journalism Advisory Council, composed of Journalism Faculty members and a limited number of outstanding students.

In her junior year, Jean received an award as one of the Year's outstanding juniors. She was also executive secretary of the J-Hop, Michigan State's most well-known and best attended dances.

Jean's campus publicity chairmanships included work for the Olympic Fund Drive, a project promoted on campus to help send American athletes to the Olympics, and Spartan Round Table, a discussion group held by faculty and outstanding students.

Freshman and sophomore years were equally active as Jean was chosen a member of Tower Guard, national freshman women's honorary, during her first year and served as assistant society editor of the *State News*, Michigan State's campus newspaper, in her sophomore year. She was recently chosen honorary army colonel of "Michigan State's ROTC."

Along with her many activities, Jean has been awarded the Hinman Award and maintains an all-university scholarship average of 3.64, a B-plus rating.

Jean's future plans included marriage in June, and additional schooling toward a master's in the field of literature.

• **Joanne Becker**

*Beta Pi Chapter*



Theta. She has shown special interest in chapter activities and was of immeasurable help in furnishing our contemporary new home. While at the University of Minnesota, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees, she was a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, Omicron Nu, Pi Lambda Theta, Eta Sigma Epsilon, Delta Phi Delta and Mortar Board. Among other innumerable activities, she also has a television program and does consulting and decorating work for an architectural firm.

Roberta Enger

## Right in the Swim

### Northwestern

This fall the annual production of Dolphin show, Northwestern university's swimming and diving spectacular, has special meaning for Nancy Oothout, Tau Theta, for she was co-chairman of the entire show and had one of the leading roles. Tau chapter shared Nancy's enthusiasm for the water show and attended the Thursday night performance in a group.

Nancy, 20 year old education major, started swimming when she was five and learned synchronized swimming at 13. In the AAU synchronized swimming meets, she has been junior champion of Iowa and runner-up in the senior solo division.

As president of Lorelei club (girl's swimming club), Nancy is hoping to have an aqua festival with Beulah Gundling of the International Academy of Aquatic Art at Northwestern this spring. After graduation, Nancy will attend medical school for 12 months to obtain a certificate for physical therapy.

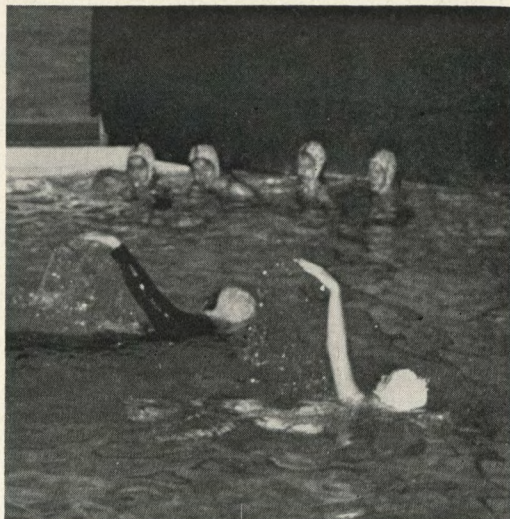
JoAnn Johnson  
Carolyn Mould

## New Rushing Project

### Ohio State

With the prospect of 1200 rushees coming to Ohio State this year, a new idea was initiated into our rushing.

1. A large map of Ohio (5' x 5') was made.
2. Map markers were placed to show geographical distribution of girls in the active chapter and showed the areas from which we needed representation.



In a number called "Sea Fantasy," Nancy Oothout is in white, nearest the camera, during Northwestern's Dolphin Show.

3. Names of all rushees with recommendations were placed by their respective cities.
4. Space was provided for names of those rushees coming from out of state.

In this way the chapter could easily see where we needed representation and could be particularly aware of the freshmen coming from these areas.

Sue Lawry

## Storybook Rush

### Ohio Wesleyan

Gamma Deuteron's "Wizard of Oz" rush skit was certainly a success at our formal parties. Evidence of this was shown by the wonderful group of twenty-nine pledges we received. In our formal party we had a Theta parade with all the Theta Queens of yesterday, including Josephine, who stole the show in her amusing costume. All the furniture was moved out of the house making it possible to decorate the entire inside with the Land of Oz, Muchkin City, and the Emerald City. The favors given to the rushees were Theta kite pin cushions in black and gold, which were made out of felt. The chapter really had the enthusiasm to help make the parties a great success.

Priscilla Meacham





The biggest "fur" rug in the world won first place for Beta Zeta's Homecoming decorations.

## Coordination

### Oklahoma

A newly established office, that of pledge co-ordinator, is a factor that Alpha Omicron chapter considers most outstanding. This office does not take the place of our pledge trainer. The pledge co-ordinator's main jobs are counseling with the pledges, helping them with their everyday problems and questions, and handling minor attitude problems of the group. Although the pledge trainer has charge of pledge meetings, any personal problems of the pledges are handled through the pledge co-ordinator. At the beginning of each school year, the co-ordinator has a personal conference with each girl and explains to her her responsibilities as a Theta pledge. Another conference is held prior to initiation and at this time the pledge is shown what her duties will be as an active in Alpha Omicron.

Lillian Morgan

## Wheel!

### Oklahoma A & M

One of the world's largest cougar skin rugs was constructed by the Thetas as their entry in house decorations for the homecoming activities. With the slogan of "Cougars are not built in a day, more Cougar less self," 87 girls joined together to make over 20,000 paper

puffs. The making of this tawny colored, 90 foot long cougar skin rug was directed by Vonda Bivert and Deanna Spicklemier. An instrumental number, "Skinned Again" was the accompanying slogan for the decoration. Sore fingers from stuffing, droopy eyes from lack of sleep, and clothes covered with paint were all overlooked and regarded as insignificant when the judges announced that we had won first place in the women's division. Screams of joy and excitement were prevalent everywhere.

Marilyn Norris

## Beauty is Prevalent

### Oregon

Alpha Xi is the home of junior Lee Blaesing, the 1956 Homecoming Queen for the University of Oregon. "Fun, Wasn't It?" was the theme for the 1956 Homecoming, and it *was* fun!

We're proud to have two Thetas on the University's Rally Squad this year. They're sophomore Laurie Scott and freshman Sharon Hewett.

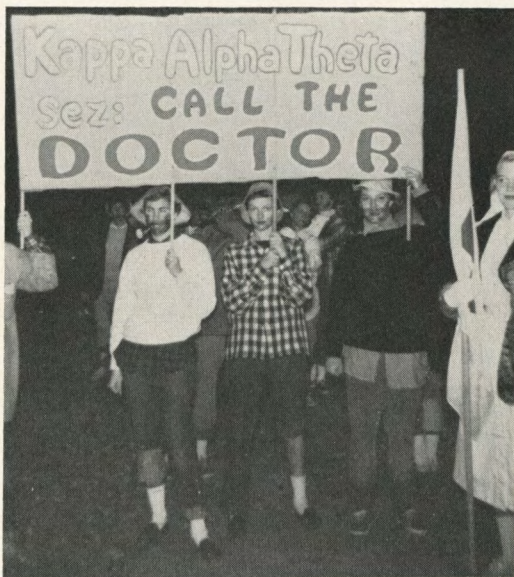
Sharon Hewett and Charlotte Wheelwright were selected finalists for Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, and sophomore Larrilyn Carr was one of the six finalists for the Betty Co-ed contest.

Peggy Ragon



Lee Blaesing served as Homecoming Queen at Oregon.





Theta "mountaineers" won a bronze trophy for their banner display during the football season at Penn State.

## Nan is Pledge Trainer

Oregon State

"The hand that rocks the cradle shapes the world." Since freshmen are the youngest members of a college and pledges usually the youngest members of a fraternal organization the pledge trainer has a tremendous responsibility in shaping the future of the pledges entrusted to her. Often times a pledge trainer can "make or break" a class. She has a great deal of influence over them. Our pledge trainer, Nan, has succeeded in making a wonderful pledge class even better. Her kindness and great capacity for understanding people make

her an excellent person for the job of trainer.

Nan has a pledge meeting every Monday evening after dinner. These weekly meetings give the pledges a chance to get together. There is not much opportunity to do so during the rest of the week since their class schedules conflict and they live in separated dormitories. At pledge meeting the pledges learn about our fraternity. This includes not only the history but also the songs of Kappa Alpha Theta.

With Nan guiding them these twenty-two pledges will all be able to step with ease from pledgedhood to Theta sisterhood.

Mary O'Connor

## The Trophy Came Next

Penn State

Each football season at Penn State there is a banner display sponsored by the Junior Class to inspire enthusiasm for the game. This year, for the West Virginia game, the Thetas at Penn State captured the bronze trophy, organizing around the theme "Kappa Alpha Theta sez: 'Call the Doctor.'"

Dressed as "hickish" mountaineers (beards and all), with a mock medical corp in the lead and a banner bearing our theme, eight girls carried a huge stuffed body (representing an injured West Virginia player). The rest of the Beta Phi mountaineers followed in very solemn style, and together they marched up to Recreation Hall, the site of the contest.

Our skit comprised a march to the judges' stand to the morbid sound of a spoon beating on a dishpan, and they sang an original parody entitled "The Old Mountain Crew."

It was so much fun to work on this and such a thrill to win! The Beta Phis owe Sally Stauffer, our chairman, a big hand.

Ann Colclessor

## Two Sweethearts

Pittsburgh

This year we are proud to have two lovely fraternity sweethearts. Peggy Brooks, a senior major in elementary education, is Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Peggy is in many activities, at present our vice president and pledge mother. Her activities at the University have included Secretary of the Sophomore Class, membership



in Quo Vadis—Nationality Rooms Hostess, Customs Advisor, and Senior Mentor.

Our other sweetheart is Anna Mary Steeves—the Sweetheart of Phi Gamma Delta. Anna Mary is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education. Being one of our more talented girls, Anna Mary can be found at the piano every evening after dinner. She is an accomplished pianist and has an unequaled soprano voice. While still a pledge, Anna Mary sang one of the leads in *King Lear*, our Spring Carnival show.

Shirley Miller

## They Follow the Kite

### Purdue

The co-eds at Purdue University have chosen this year seven Theta seniors as their leaders in various organizations. Diane McMahon presides as president of the Panhellenic Council. Janet Frazier (Pledge Class-1956) assumes a similar role as president of Junior Panhellenic Council. Nancy Kenady was elected as secretary of the Student Senate. Judi Barney helps in setting standards for co-eds as Vice-president of Associated Women Students. As for the three Mortar Boards, Esther Pastene holds the gavel for Mortar Board, Barbara Busch acts as president of Gold Peppers and Judy Life is Feature Editor for the campus newspaper. Martha Horn brought glory to Alpha Chi chapter by being chosen to rule over Homecoming festivities as queen. The stars are shining bright

at Purdue, due to the accomplishments of these outstanding Thetas.

Nancy Dye  
Marty McMillan

## Chez Theta

### Randolph-Macon

Every September throughout the United States Thetas (who have fall rush) are busy preparing skits to be given during rush week. Here at Randy-Mac we Thetas put our heads together and we came up with some ideas for our skit which we would like to share with other Thetas. The theme of our skit was "Chez Theta," so we decorated our lodge French a-la-mode.

There was a typically French can-can performed to perfection, a "Mademoiselle Fifi with a split personality" played by our identical twins, Janet and Virginia Sandidge.

Part of the skit was interrupted by a student tourist who had lost her way in the busy streets of Paris, trying to understand what "chez" meant in English.

Pantomime is a great art in France so Barbara Pennington, in the manner of M. Marcelle Marceau, portrayed a French artist who chose one of the rushees as the subject of a portrait. Refreshments were served with a new twist. Three chic French maidens, Mary Jane Strachan, Anne Anderson, and Winkie Winfield, with trays in hand sang "We Are Maidens Typical of France" as they served pastries.

Seven Purdue seniors head organizations on campus. First Row: (Left to Right) Barbara Busch, Esther Pastene, Judy Life. Second Row: (Left to Right) Diane McMahon, Judi Barney, Nancy Kenady, Janet Frazier.







Chapter president, Suzie Williams, samples her crepe suzette.

Our chapter president, Suzie Williams, played the part of a famous French chef, who was also part-time piano player for the earlier numbers. With her oversized chef's cap and enormous mixing bowl, Suzie concocted a crepe suzette containing "ingredients from all over zee world." Our finale was a song wishing the rushees a bon voyage as they returned to the *Etats Unis* and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Barbara Pennington

## Lovely to Look At

Rollins

Mary Jane Doar—beautiful, witty, intelligent, and a talented actress-singer—is one of our most outstanding members.

Miss Georgia 1954, Orange Bowl Princess 1955, Mary Jane, besides TV work, just portrayed Cherrie in the Rollins' production of *Bus Stop*. She has also appeared in *High Ground*, (the lead), the *Vigil*, and two musicals.

A senior now, Mary Jane is faced with the inevitable question of her future. For all her acting experience she is more interested in traveling and meeting people, especially since she has already traveled extensively (daughter of an Army Colonel), and "enjoys the challenge of new adventures."

Barbara Howell

## So Soft

San Diego State

At Gamma Sigma chapter a tradition has been passed down for each pledge class, at the end of their pledgeship, to present the active chapter with a little gift for the chapter room. Such gifts have been given as a mantel clock and a black and gold chart of chapters throughout the nation.

This year, however, our pledges decided that the actives had enough and that they would like to go beyond our own small group to do something for others. Thus was devised their idea to help the Institute of Logopedics. Each pledge, under their president, Carol Cotton, volunteered to make at least one stuffed animal. Then, in a short period of time, 20 little animals of all types and sizes were ready to be presented to the children.

In addition to this, though, actives were not forgotten. A large black and gold yard octopus, dubbed "Thetius Octavius," now adorns the couch, guarding the Theta chapter room.

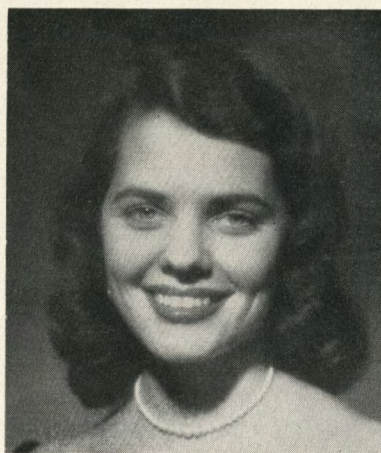
We, at San Diego State, are very proud of our pledges who took time out from studies and pledge duties to help others.

Barbara Richard

## Index of Activity

San Jose

Thetas at San Jose are holding their own in the queen contests around campus. Anna Beal was elected this year's Homecoming



Mary Jane Doar of Rollins, beauty queen and actress.



Queen, succeeding our own Barbara Dale, and Pat Parish was elected attendant. Nancy McNeil is running for Theta Chi Dream Girl, and Jan Paregien and Gayle Hansen are representing the Theta's for the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Carol Ames, another lovely Theta, has been put up by the Phi Sigma Kappas for Soph Doll, and Bonnie Soe is the Theta candidate for Theta Xi Cinderella Girl.

Our own president, Trish Richards, is secretary of the Senior Class, while Pat Parish is corresponding secretary of the entire student body.

With all the actives of last spring, scholarship was not neglected as indicated by the four point grade average received by Joan Zilliox and Judy Keech. We recently held our scholarship dinner with a variety of steak, hamburger, beans, and "mush" being served.

**Judy McDonald**

## Government in Mind

**South Dakota**

Among the outstanding senior members of Alpha Rho, U of South Dakota, is Janet Gates of Custer, South Dakota—asset to the fraternity as a participant in Theta and campus activities.

Daughter of a state representative, Janet has developed a strong interest in government. She was a page at two legislative sessions, chairman and regional co-chairman of Young Republican groups, and delegate to the national Young Republican convention in 1955. She attended the West Point Student Conference on U.S.



Paula Krug, voted the friendliest girl on campus at Southern Methodist.



More little stuffed animals for the Institute of Logopedics, made by San Diego pledges.

Affairs. She was a hostess at the gubernatorial inaugural ball.

Besides maintaining a 3.5 average, she has been selected to Alpha Lambda Delta, Eta Sigma Phi, Phi Sigma Alpha, Zeta Phi Eta, Mortar Board and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

**Ann Fuller**

## Say "Hey" to Paula

**Southern Methodist**

"Say Hey" Day is an annual event at Southern Methodist University, climaxed by the presentation of the most friendly boy and girl on campus. The people to receive these honors are chosen by the social council, of which Paula Krug is president. When the council brought the nominees back into the room, Paula among them, they told her another girl was chosen. Who was more surprised than Paula when she was presented a "Most friendly girl on campus?"

Chosen as "Most Outstanding Pledge" of Beta Sigma last March, Paula is a great inspiration to the S.M.U. Thetas.

**Lucia Hartgrove**

## Look at the Record

**Texas**

*To have that good ol' Theta zip,  
Strive for higher scholarship!*

Seven Phi Beta Kappas and the Panhellenic Scholarship Trophy have been awarded to Alpha Theta in the past two years.



## silhouette

Gail Johnson



Gail Johnson, Northwestern University senior, divides her time between a college career on the Evanston Campus and professional modeling appointments in Chicago. This blonde co-ed has appeared in national advertisements in *Life*, *Holiday*, *Seventeen*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Along with her modeling, Gail is a full time student majoring in public speaking and minoring in history, philosophy and English. She is a member of Zeta Phi Eta, speech honorary, and co-rush chairman of Tau chapter.

Gail first became interested in modeling at the age of fourteen when given modeling lessons as a birthday gift. Later she was spotted by a photographer who suggested she do professional modeling.

Gail's photogenic features earned her the title of "Profile Girl of the Year" at Northwestern. She was selected to serve on the 1956 Homecoming Court by professional judges on her beauty and poise.

TV work and more modeling will be in the future for Gail after graduation.

- Carolyn Mould
  - JoAnn Johnson
- Tau Chapter*

During 1955 Carole Arnold, Kathy Homan, Alison Gray Kimberlin, and Mary Miller received the award. This year Tita Gillete Garner, Nancy Rush, and Sally Sparks are new members of the honorary society.

Four straight years Alpha Theta has won the

Panhellenic Scholarship Trophy. Each year Panhellenic at The University of Texas gives the cup to the sorority maintaining the highest grade average for the previous school year.

Julie Holman

## Sports-minded

Texas Christian

Gamma Psi has been instrumental in the exceptional amount of spirit displayed during the 1956-1957 Horned Frog football season. Theta attendance at all pep rallies was commended by TCU cheerleaders and Student Pep Cabinet. For each week's rally the chapter selected a different theme which was carried out with posters, lapel buttons, costumes, cheers, and chants. One week we participated with Phi Delta Theta in a skit, "A Freshman Looks at Football," for which we received the highest possible score. We hope to make our pre-Cotton Bowl rally the best we've ever had!

Kate Staples

## Retreat

Texas Tech

One of the highlights of the year for the Thetas of Gamma Phi at Texas Tech is our annual retreat. Our retreat, held this year late in October at the Arnett-Benson Ranch near Buffalo Lakes, enables us to get better acquainted, especially with our new pledges. Fun and seriousness both play an important part in our retreat, as we play, plan, work, and think together. Our chapter feels that this weekend outing together helps us to develop our plans, evaluate our activities, and talk over our ideas and our ideals. Most important, however, is the feeling of a closeness among the girls in our chapter as a result of our being together as sisters on our retreat.

Janet Yancy

## Trophy Retired

Tulsa

The combined efforts of Gamma Tau's at the University of Tulsa were rewarded as the '56-'57 school year got under way. Honors bestowed upon Theta exemplified varied interests and a cooperative spirit. TU's Panhellenic scholarship cup found a home as Theta became the first national sorority to retire the trophy by obtain-



ing the highest sorority grade average for three successive years. First-place blue ribbon was awarded Gamma Tau for the "Sinking of the (Oklahoma) Aggie Titanic" Homecoming display. "Theta Lips" and "Swinging on a Star" rendered at the annual Singfony Greek competition placed Theta among TU's top three in vocalizing.

Doris Major

## Swap Lunches

Vanderbilt

This year, Alpha Eta initiated at Vanderbilt an idea which has become extremely popular (especially among the male members of the college community). Each Saturday, we invite a fraternity to the house for lunch. Songs are exchanged and everyone has a good time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Two of us plan and prepare the buffet lunch each week, and this is fun in itself. We anticipate that this practice will be adopted by other sororities and fraternities on the campus and that Saturday lunches will become "swap lunches."

Rebecca Gill

## From Mud to Model

Vermont

Lambda chapter has been so busy all fall proudly showing off the new addition to our house that we are beginning to feel like real social butterflies. It was hard to believe, when we returned to school in September, that the muddy hole we left in June was now a beautiful new living room with six picture windows. Nor could we recognize the old reception room now remodeled into a dining room to serve forty girls. The bright red and yellow kitchen, complete with dishwasher, was also a welcome sight.

We began our social buzzing in September with a most successful open house for our University family and many interested friends. The highlight of our entertaining was our parents weekend in November. This successful new idea began with a luncheon before the Vermont-Massachusetts game on Saturday, and we were all very sad to see it end on Sunday morning after a buffet breakfast for our parents and favorite faculty members. Needless to say, we want very much to continue this event.

Julie Brown

## Cross Section of a Chapter

Washburn

New fall pledges for Theta at Washburn numbered seventeen, including five legacies: Barbara Beal, Sandra Fleisch, Sandy Meisenheimer, Marilyn Senne and Sue Warburton.

Mary Kay Swanson and Jayne Bronson were selected as two of the three finalists in the annual "Miss Topeka" contest sponsored by the Topeka Junior Chamber of Commerce. The winner participates in the American Royal in Kansas City with the possibility of being chosen American Royal Queen.

Shirley Holtwick was chosen to represent Kappa Alpha Theta for 1956 Homecoming Queen and Susan Covington was elected Hobo Queen candidate. Each year, along with a homecoming queen, a Hobo King and Queen are crowned. They compete for the "title" of the grubbiest on campus.

Nancy Stutzman

## Resumé

Washington

Although studies are most emphasized, Thetas found time to join together and have skit practices for Bearskin Tryouts after a triumphant fall rush wherein we gained twenty grand pledges. Bearskin Follies is a show presented by selected Greek letter organizations on the campus and we are happy to say that we have been in the Follies every year since it was first presented.

### Alumnæ District Presidents

No new appointments of Alumnæ Presidents will be made this year, but will be elected at the District Conventions. Alumnæ chapters and clubs should be thinking of whom they wish to nominate as a call for nominations will be sent the presidents three months prior to conventions. Convention legislation has given alumnæ clubs a vote at District Conventions equal to that of alumnæ chapters.

The District Presidents will be elected by the college delegates and the Alumnæ District Presidents will be elected by alumnæ chapter and club delegates.



At Christmastime Alpha Iota held their annual party with Beta Theta Pi fraternity which was given for needy orphan children. Each child was presented with a gift from Santa Claus. This party helped us as much as it did the orphans because it made us realize the real spirit of Christmas giving.

Lucia Novak

## Double Effort

Washington (Seattle)

As spring quarter nears, Alpha Lambdas are busily planning for Sophomore Carnival, an all university (although primarily Greek) extravaganza sponsored by the sophomore class. At the first of May the university's Pavilion will be turned into a hectic *melé* of hammers and saws while each pair of houses erects their stage and prepares for the big night. It's almost like a twenty-ring circus with each group putting on a show to entertain the crowd and to try and win first prize.

Last year our venture with the Fijis brought no trophies home, but many new boyfriends were added to the Theta roster. This year the Theta-SAE combination is a sure thing—at least we think so.

Marilyn Horne

## Homecoming was Gala

Western Ontario

Homecoming week-end at Western was an exciting one for Gamma Epsilon, when Theta grads from all over the country flocked back to the chapter house. Everyone enjoyed working on the float. Our delegate brought back the theme from Grand Convention, and although

we did not win the prize, we received many compliments. One of the highlights of the parade for Thetas was to have one of our pledges, Barbara Woodall, as drum majorette, and another pledge, Julie McKenzie playing in the band. The game was followed by an open house which was a great success.

Rhoda Burrows

## It's Almost Time

Whitman Colony

Kappa Alpha Theta's about-to-be chapter, Delta Delta at Whitman College, has been very busy getting organized. Three active members, Mary Moe formerly from Alpha Lambda and chapter president, Marian Moore, formerly from Beta Iota, and Deana Land, formerly from Alpha Sigma, have worked hard to get the chapter off to a booming start. The Walla Walla alumnae chapter worked effectively throughout rush and the first months of colonization, along with members of Alpha Sigma chapter at Washington State College, who helped the new chapter grow from three to twenty with the taking of seventeen pledges.

In addition to the usual pledge exchanges and open houses with campus fraternities, our pledge dance, "Whisper of Wu," was an important event on the social calendar. Homecoming, toward the beginning of the year, was a bust week-end with a display to be made. As our first project for Logopedics we made little yarn octopuses. On the weekend preceding Halloween, Delta Delta attended Alpha Sigma's Halloween costume party. The party, however, was only the beginning of a wonderful weekend at Washington State. On November 27, we



Calypso dancers of Alpha Lambda chapter are Gwen Evans, Lynn Loudon, Fran Wakeman, Jane Tomlinson and Marty McPhee.





The Colonized chapter at Whitman College presents its pledges, all freshmen with exception of sophomore Gretta Greninger (standing, second from right).

Left to right, on floor: Carolyn Beucier, Wenatchee; Ann Parsons, Leavenworth; Patricia Moore, Tieton; Carolyn Dobler, Portland, Ore.

Seated: Mary Lee Bailey, Walla Walla; Barbara Wallace, Bellingham; Jo Anne McGillivray, Spokane; Connie Wagner, Portland, Ore.; Barbara Elliott, Puyallup; Emilie Duwe, Seattle; Penny Pelan, Grand Junction, Colo.; Starr Bill, San Pedro, Calif.

Standing: Nancy Rudy, Bellevue; Sylvia Smith, Kennewick; Donna Lemcke, Tieton; Gretta Greninger, Richland; Nancy Van Artsdale, Menlo Park, Calif.

joined the rest of the campus in a drive sponsored by the World University Service to collect money for the Hungarian student refugees. The drive was a great success with more than \$1300 being collected. On December 6 and 7 Delta Delta played host to our district president, Mrs. Kreizinger, who has been helpful in the colonization of the chapter. On December 8, we gave a Christmas party for eight boys from a children's home near Walla Walla. The boys were thrilled by a Christmas tree complete with gifts, popcorn balls, and candy canes; games, songs, and refreshments added to the afternoon's enjoyment.

Delta Delta is enthusiastic and earnest in its endeavors and is looking forward to a great future at Whitman College.

## Combo Party

William and Mary

Beta Lambda welcomed the 1956-57 college year and the football season this fall with an open house, complete with a band, after the first football game. Our "combo party" was a huge success and quite an innovation on the William and Mary campus. All members, their dates and guests, numbering about two hundred people, passed an enjoyable two hours of dancing in the house. No other sorority on this campus has ever held such a party in their house and with the success of ours, Beta Lambda hopes to have set a tradition at William and Mary as well as within the chapter.

Beverly Wilson

Plan to attend your District Convention!





Back home from a year's study at Munich is Wisconsin's Sue Wegener.

## Incentive

### Wisconsin

For Sue Wegener, Psi Chapter, University of Wisconsin, her junior year at college will bring back memories of swimming in the Mediterranean on New Year's Day, learning to play the zither in Bavaria, and touring the Grand Castle in Madrid.

Sue, a senior from Elm Grove, Wisconsin, studied at the University of Munich under the Junior Year Abroad plan sponsored by Wayne University in Detroit.

She earned credits in German literature which will be applied to her Bachelor's Degree. "Even though there is the same amount of studying," she said, "the incentive to learn is greater."

Sandra Lemke

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***\$50.00 to \$500.00 in a hurry to keep you in college!***

- **LOANS.** Write Mrs. James W. Lloyd, 1918 N. Berendo, Los Angeles 27, California for your application blank.
- Return the application together with a concise statement covering your activities, scholarship, health—amount of money needed, and your plan to repay, plus a nominal 3% annual interest charge, within two years after graduation. Include letters of recommendation from your chapter president and a member of the chapter advisory board. Endorsements of your note will be required from two responsible persons, preferably Thetas.
- Every Theta considered by the Loan Committee is a special, confidential case. Airmail will speed the necessary correspondence to completion.
- Graduate Thetas seeking advanced study are eligible for loans. Mrs. Lloyd will send information and application blanks on request.
- **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS** in the form of gifts are granted competitively to outstanding seniors or graduate students. Mrs. Scott A. Rogers, jr., 2714 Leighton Rd., Shaker Heights 20, Ohio, will furnish information.
- **GIFT FELLOWSHIPS** of \$1500.00 are granted for advanced graduate study. Mrs. LeRoy Kimball, 8 Washington Mews, New York City, N.Y., will furnish information. Watch your *Kappa Alpha Theta* magazine for announcements of available fellowships and awards. Applications should be sent immediately to proper parties listed above.

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### Financial Favors Ensure Their Futures!

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- Contributions to the Loan and Fellowship Fund are gifts in perpetuity, as it is a revolving fund. Your assistance in this creative program makes it possible for many Thetas to obtain degrees necessary for higher earning capacity. You are vital in maintaining high standards in fraternity and community interests and betterment.
- Checks for gifts to the fund should be drawn to **KAPPA ALPHA THETA**, and mailed to Helen E. Sackett, Executive Secretary, Suite 575, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.



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WITH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY now our national project at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas, the progress and adjustment of these youngsters becomes of even more interest. This happy young fellow combines practice in the standing table with practice in school work aids, such as coloring and printing one's name.